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Art Work from
The Dinner Party



EDITORIAL

I look from this typewriter through a barred window into the unyielding force field of a concrete wall. Beyond it, above it, reach the still barren branches of trees. From these, my eyes move higher to freer atmospheres of open sky... expanding...limitless...to "imagine there is no country...it isn't hard to do. Nothing to kill or die for. And no religion too."(John Lennon). I'll write searching for a greater social vision that will reduce oppression....idealism to the MAX! My transcendence is temporary. I am brought to earth by cement boots of reality....\$\$costs\$\$..knowing many people in Canada would benefit from a more rational, equitable division of the social \$\$pie. Indisputably this Prison for Women punishes but beyond that? The cost of keeping a woman in this prison is estimated at between \$50,000.- \$65,000. per annum. The recent recipient of the first B.A. earned by a female prisoner was incarcerated over seven years costing a minimum \$350,000. (the academic fees paid, in part, by the prisoner) Lifers can be viewed as \$Million Dollar\$ women. Undoubtly, many individuals could serve sentences in a less costly manner.

Many questions should be directed to this country's overall failure to deal with it's criminality problem properly. Why do "many Canadians over-estimate the amount and seriousness of crime in Canada?"(Juristat, 1987) With a record of failure and waste why? are politicians continuing to approve huge expenditures for building more prisons, monuments to failure? What happens to prisoners inside? their families? What of the victims left outside, alienated and still suffering...a restorative model of justice would consider justice done when relationships were restored. These questions must be answered.

The minds, hearts and souls of the writers and artists of the Prison for Women find expression in the pages of TIGHTWIRE. Yet their bodies and those of their prison sisters are housed in quarters declared unsuitable since the passing of a 1938 Royal Commission. As difficult as the situation is in Kingston, the Provincial institutions are much worse. Space at Prison for Women is limited. Currently, over 100 women serving lengthy Federal sentences are being held in even less adequate Provincial facilities. The historical development or more accurately nor-development of these problems is well covered in a recently published book "Too Few to Count" edited by Ellen Adleburg and Claudia Curry. This book, along with "Lifer's" by Bonnie Walford represent major, first steps in documenting women's experiences within the dominating male Correctional System. The questions are mounting..

A reader from the British Columbia wrote, asking why TIGHTWIRE had not covered the controversy created by Gayle Horii's request to be transferred from Kingston to the West Coast on humanitarian grounds. This publication, indeed, the population and many staff members at this prison recognize the legitimacy of Gayle's

request. Her pain is intensely personal yet reflective of the pain suffered by many, many women incarcerated far from families and familiar communities. What is needed is the public and political will to bring about a transformation resulting in a broader concept of social justice with a better future in mind.

Displaying a devastating disregard for studies already prepared for the Solicitor General on the social causes of women and crime, as well as ignoring the Elizabeth Fry recommendations for alternatives to "traditional" incarceration, Corrections' official, Mr. Fred Hunt has announced that a "new prison" for women will be built in South Burnaby, B.C. Construction is to begin shortly and should be completed in the early 1990's.

...Gayle Horii may or may not be transferred....

but, certainly, women will be found to fill these cells in the next decade and in all the years to follow. Cages for
.....2001.....2010.....2020.....

Is this the thoughtful planning of women for the futures of their sisters? their own children?

It is not an answer for Gayle who is opposed to continued prison construction but these decisions being made today will brighten or mare many tomorrows....

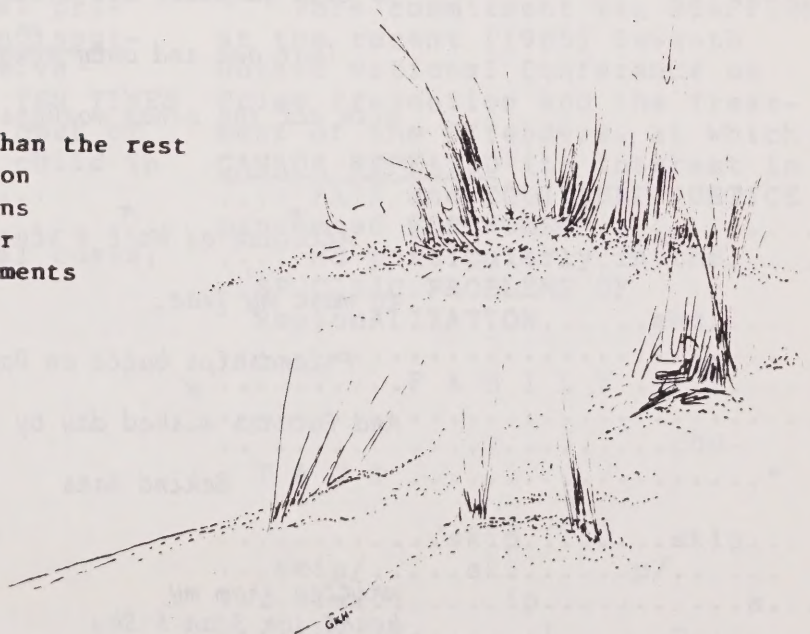
....Imagine a better future, is this so hard to do?....

Jo Ann May Kew
Editor

LOST

A grain of sand slightly bigger than the rest
Rolls back and forth since creation
Through all kinds of moons and suns
Rejected from one mound to another
Sister, I consist of the same elements
Accept my difference and let me
Please rest under this new sun
That's just risen!

Dec./87
Doriana



Children

... It's the little things we miss
A smile, a whisper, a kiss.

Bedroom stories & elementary glories
Good kindergarten & cake, Cut Coloured Lake.

Life's not as it seems ...
Yawny eyes her childhood dreams,
But mommy's not near.
Did they hear me say " I love you "

Did they see my tears ?
Do they know it's us, convicted mothers
playing criminal parts
Do they know what's really in my heart ?

Each day we arise the Pain haunts us
Is it a surprize Set Backs flaunt us ?
That one and only single beat we share
With all the other mothers here in the pen

Attitude of hail & sleet, I use my anger
to mask my fear.

Friendships built on Dope Deals
And Futures wished day by day
Behind Bars

written from my
heart for Star & Sky
Angelna & Jesove...

Tinker McDonald
Segregation
1/2/84

A L T E R N A T I V E S

Sentenced to Separation: An exploration of the needs and problems of mothers who are offenders and their children: No. 1986-25
MacLeod, Linda. Research Division
Dept. of the Solicitor General

Financial Cost

" Quickness to judge female offenders as "unfit" mothers and so to put the question of the child's custody in the hands of the state may not always take into account the economic and social costs of our decision."

" In 1979, it cost \$6,877 to support a child in a foster home and \$12,866 in a group home. In the same year, the cost to subsidize a single parent and her child through provincial social assistance was only \$4,860. Therefore in 1979, if the woman were given a nonincarcerative sentence even if she were unable to work outside the home, the state would save between \$2,000 and \$6,000 in child care assistance.

.....
When the cost of incarceration, estimated between \$50,000 and \$64,000 for a federal prisoner is added, it is indisputable that an incarceration option is approximately TEN TIMES more expensive than the cost of supporting a parent and child in the community.....

.....
Beyond these financial costs, WHAT OF SOCIAL COSTS?"



The Department of Justice:

" The Canadian Government through recent initiatives and statements has affirmed its interest in the needs and problems particular to female offenders, and in their specific problems maintaining contact with their families.....
.....include, inter alia, the recognition of the need to address the social and economic disadvantages of female offenders, TO MINIMIZE THE DISADVANTAGES OF WOMEN IN CUSTODY FAR FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES and to.....

This commitment was REAFFIRMED at the recent (1985) Seventh United National Conference on Crime Prevention and the Treatment of the Offenders, at which CANADA REPEATED its interest in"FAIR and EQUITABLE JUSTICE processed FOR WOMEN".....
.....nd particularly in the.....
..SPECIFIC PROBLEMS OF
RegionALIZATION.....and.....
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A L T E R N A T I V E S

The following figures are those reported in
The Annual Report of the Solicitor General 1985 - 1986

<u>Average Number of Offenders on Register</u>					
	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
Inmates **	9,765	10,638	11,523	12,039	12,502
Parolees & Mandatory Supervision *	5,272	5,276	5,762	5,895	6,092
Total	15,037	15,914	17,285	17,934	18,594
*As % of **	54.0%	49.6%	50.0%	49.0%	48.7%

Year 1985-86 versus 1981-1982

% increase of Number of Inmates - Federal	28.1%
% increase of Number of Parolees & Mandatory Supervision	15.6%
% increase of Number Total - Federal	23.7%

Hypothetical Conclusion . Five years from 1981 to 1986.

That the # of prisoners on parole and mandatory supervision
has decreased as a % of the # of prisoners incarcerated.

<u>Number of Security Incidents</u>					
Category	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
* Murder	7	6	14	8	5
* Attempted Murder	4	0	0	0	0
Assaults on Inmates by					
Inmates	263	330	416	408	410
Suicides	11	16	16	21	17
Attempted Suicides	63	65	51	78	49
Hostage	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
Taking	5	4	4	10	6
<u>Use of FORCE</u>					
-Firearms	38	65	41	36	23
-Gas	47	33	81	129	140
Assaults on Staff by	YYY	YYY	YYY	YYY	YYY
Inmates	113	126	120	135	123
Escape Rate per 1,000	23	24	20	24	16
Violence to Prisoners XXX	318	411	497	515	481
Use of Force YYY	85	98	122	165	163

% increase in # of incidents of violence against staff	12%
% increase in # of incidents (violent) to prisoners	50%
% increase in # of uses of Force against prisoners -guns	-39%
-gas	+198%

* It was not reported if this figure included staff.

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Correctional Services of Canada 1985-1986 (\$000's)

<u>Region</u>	<u>Pacific</u>	<u>Prairies</u>	<u>Ontario</u>	<u>Quebec</u>	<u>Maritimes</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Correc- tions	13.7%	19.9%	21.6%	31.5%	13.3%	100%
Ntnl.	\$ 91,779	\$133,422	\$144,380	\$210,642	\$ 89,090	\$ 729,689
Hdqrts.	8,271	12,015	13,041	19,019	8,030	60,376
Ntnl.						
Parole B.	2,026	2,942	3,193	4,657	1,966	14,784
Ministry						
Secretr.	\$ 5,878	\$ 8,537	\$ 9,267	\$ 13,514	\$ 5,706	\$ 42,902
(applying 35.8% of Ministry SEcretariat Total of \$119,838)						
CSC total	\$107,954	\$156,916	\$619,881	\$247,832	\$104,792	\$ 787,375

ADD*** Provincial Corrections Costs 1985-1986(\$000's)

Correc- tions & Parole	\$125,161	\$214,945	\$282,631	\$339,496	\$143,551	\$1,105,784
Total	\$233,115	\$381,861	\$452,512	\$587,328	\$248,343	\$1,890,159
FEDERAL & Provincial costs = TRUE COST TO TAXPAYER WHO PAYS BOTH FEDERAL & PROVINCIAL TAXES						

- ***1. figures used for B.C. and Ontario are actual based on annual reports.
2. figures for other regions are guesstimates compiled by averaging # of incarcerated regionally and applying these percentages.
- Assumptions required:
1. That overall ratio of # of incarcerated provincial prisoners would follow ratio of # of federally incarcerated. (Some provinces (regions) will be too high, some too low)
 2. That costs can be based on a per prisoner population on a relative basis using actual figures from B.C. and Ontario.

Costs of Corrections are allocated by Activity as follows:

	<u>1985-1986</u>
<u>Technical Services</u>	32.3%
Food, clothing accomodation prisoners & staff, maintenance, cleaning, transport, telecommunications, fire prevention, distribution & disposal of equipment, disign, construction & maintainance of buildings & facilities.	
<u>Case Management/ & Psychology</u>	21.6%
Counselling, Recreation, Social, Spiritual, emotional counselling, prisoner management	
<u>Custody/ Security</u>	19.2%
Operational security, Preventive Security, Special Handling Units, Prisoners Transfers, -plans, controls, effects	

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Expenditures by Activity(\$000's) (in current dollars,not inflation-adjusted)

	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	1984-85	1985-86
1. Technical Services Food,House, Maint,Electr.	\$137,467	\$154,300	\$207,419	\$230,044	\$235,761
2. Case Mngmt., Psychology	110,363	123,883	138,287	153,690	157,393
3. Custody Security	108,629	117,288	130,747	143,315	140,436
4. Education, Training, Employment	53,548	58,925	62,495	75,881	71,958
5. Administra- tion	42,632	49,391	57,810	69,004	60,946
6. Planning & Mngmt. (5&6)	<u>16,119</u> 58,751	<u>16,997</u> 66,388	<u>18,987</u> 76,797	<u>27,544</u> 96,548	<u>21,650</u> 82,596
7. Health Care	31,551	35,043	36,174	40,411	41,545
Total	\$500,309	\$555,827	\$651,919	\$739,889	\$729,689

Costs of Corrections by Activity Continued from previous page

		81-'86
1. Technical Services	32.3%	+71.5%
2. Case Management/ & Psychology	21.6%	+42.6%
3. Custody/ Security	19.2%	+29.3%
4. Education, Training Employment of Prisoners	9.9%	+34.4%
5. Administration	8.3%	+43%
Personnel, Staff Training , Finance, Systems		
6. Planning & Management	3.0%	+34%
Insp. General, Policy, Communications-public, Executive Secretariat-sup. to commissioner		
Total Administration , planning and management	11.3%	+40.6%
7. Health Care	5.7%	+31.7%
Medical, dental, optometric, nursing, psychiatric services to prisoners		
	100 %	+45.8%

***Therefore....Costs over the last 5 years have risen
by 45.8% versus the rise in prisoner population
by 23.7%

??? CAN CANADIANS AFFORD TO BUILD MORE PRISONS THAT DON'T WORK???
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ALTERNATIVES

Can one hypothesize ? :

- .As the number of prisoners incarcerated from 1981-1986 increased by 23.7%
- . & then # of incidents of assault to staff by prisoners increased by 12 %

= H?#1: Prisons are becoming a safer place to work For staff.

- .& the # of incidents of assault to prisoners increased increased by 50 %

= H?#2: Prisons are becoming more dangerous for the prisoner.

- .& the number of uses of force by staff against prisoners increased by 159% (guns - 39%, gas + 198%)

= H?#3: Use of force in prisons has increased disproportionately to incidents of assault= More force is being used against prisoners for less cause.

- .& Cost of prisons has increased 45.8%

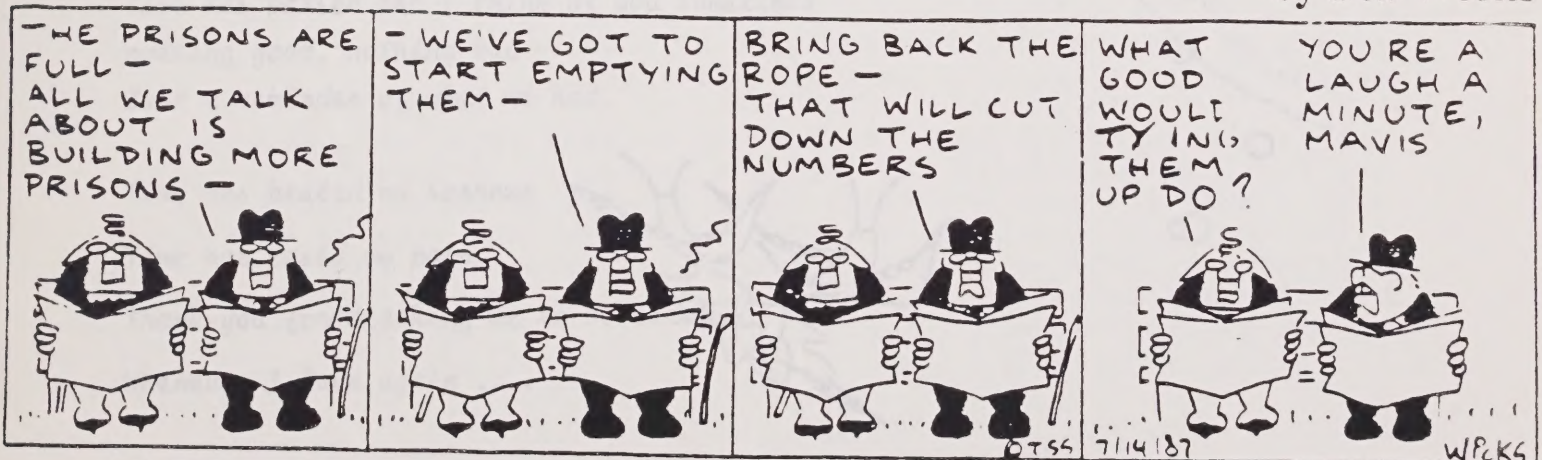
= H?#4: Costs are increasing at double the rate of bodies caged.

- .& Costs of Education, Training & Employment rose +34.4%
- & Revenues from Industries, Board & Lodging rose +59 %
- & Revenues as a % of Costs (22,979/71958) = 32 %

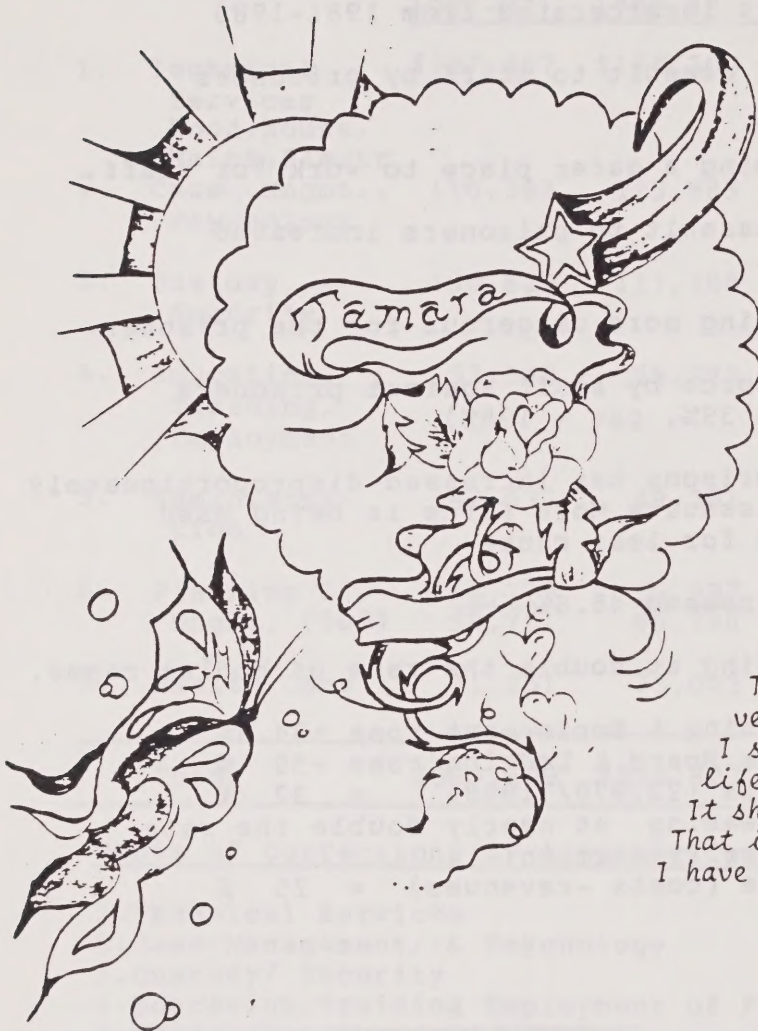
= H?#5: Revenues are increasing at nearly double the rate of costs .(Prisoner Production)
& The net increase (costs -revenues) = 25 %

The Outcasts

by Ben Wicks



ACTIONS FOR LOVE



I have taken you actions
for love,
In actions I mean the way
you talk to me,
The way you've shown
respect and trust towards me.
That is why I say to you

I have taken your
actions for love.

All the riches in the world
couldn't compare with what
you've shown me,

I could go on and on expressing
in my way how I feel for you
But...I realize now by the look
in your eyes,

I do not have to say anymore,
That is why in turn I love you
very much.

I shall take your love for me beyond
life and time,

It shall be with me always,
That is why I say to you again
I have taken your actions for love.

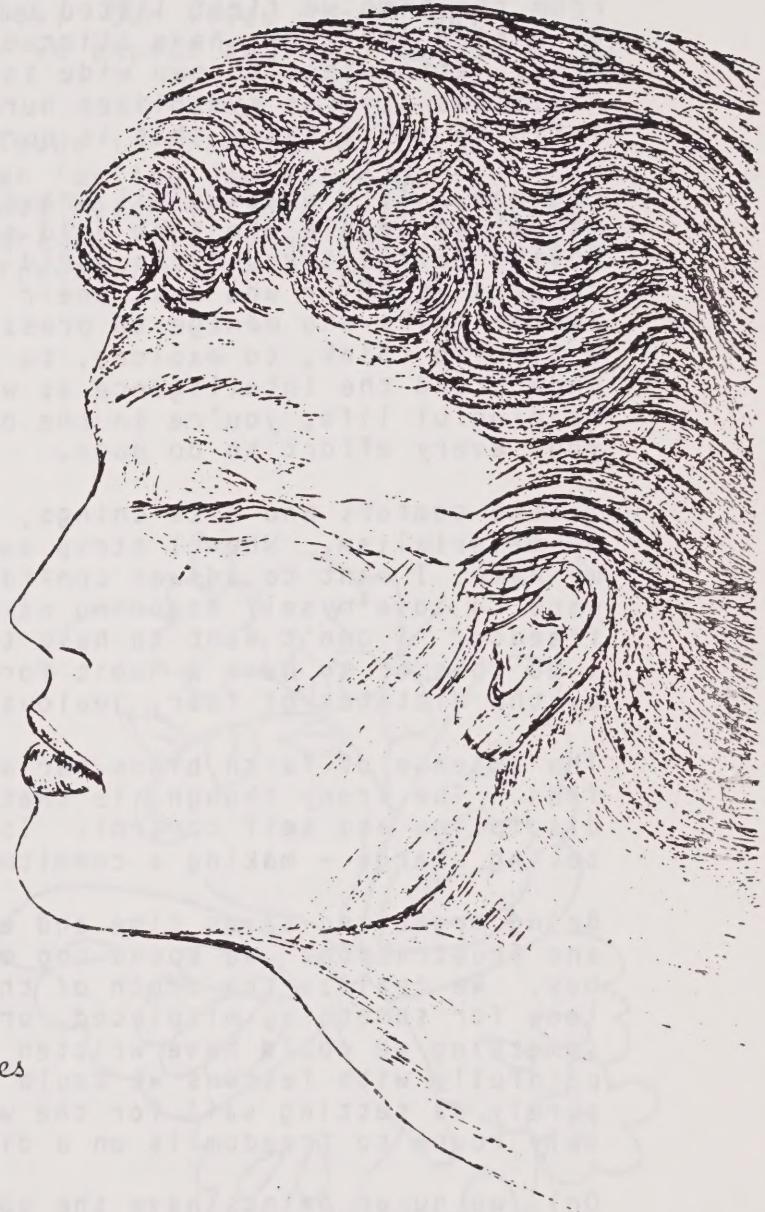
for TAMARA



A Lost Love.... Forever Gone

Don't tell me you don't want me
Don't tell me you don't care
Don't say we weren't meant to be
In all that we've shared
I gave you all I could give
Yet you say it wasn't enough
My love, I've opened up my heart
I've supplied you with my love
Now when I thought you were happy
you so easily said good-bye
and left me standing all alone
but not once did I attempt to cry
You see, I felt it a long time ago
that you didn't love me
and I wondered when you would ask
to unbind the chain and set you free
So don't think that you have hurt me
I got over that long ago
The scar will always be with me
I just wanted you to know.....
Time has passed and I think of you sometimes
nothing good, nothing bad
Just a reminder of what we had.

Time has healed my sorrows
Time has eased my pain
Thank-you for teaching me to be careful
Whenever I love again



FREEDOM - Taking Flight

by Patricia D'Andrade

From the time we first lifted our gaze to the heavens, the image of a bird in flight have stirred our most ardent yearnings to be free. With wings thrown wide in victory, breast open to a limitless sky, it symbolizes our soul's deepest desire for the infinite inheritance that is ours to claim whenever we choose.

Freedom. It's what we all crave and too few of us achieve. I marvel at people who take bold steps - like pulling up stakes and moving halfway around the world - and succeed. Those who change careers at 40 or who quit their jobs to go back to school. I'm in awe of folks who manage to press away from the daily struggle for a time to think, to explore, to rest or to just be. These people understand the intelligence at work in the business of living a meaningful life, you're in the divine flow and the forces support your every effort to do good.

I like comfort and nice things, but I don't want to be controlled by materialism. When I strip away the clothes, the make-up, even my name, I want to answer confidently the question: "Who am I?" I want to love myself standing naked from within my soul. I want freedom. I don't want to have to worry about what will happen if I do this or to have a habit for that. I don't want to be limited by the dictates of fear, jealousy or self indulgence.

The absense of faith binds our wings; believing in self sets us free. The irony though, is that freedom can only be won through discipline and self control. Isn't it true that flight means taking charge - making a commitment to put order in your life.

Being organized saves time and eliminates wasted effort, anxiety and frustration. We spend too much time trying to hold chaos at bay. We realize the truth of this each time we take 20 minutes to look for something misplaced, or take 2 hours to remember something we could have written down in a moment, or struggle painfully with lessons we could have learned easily years ago. As surely as setting sail for the west will bring us to the east, the only route to freedom is on a disciplined path.

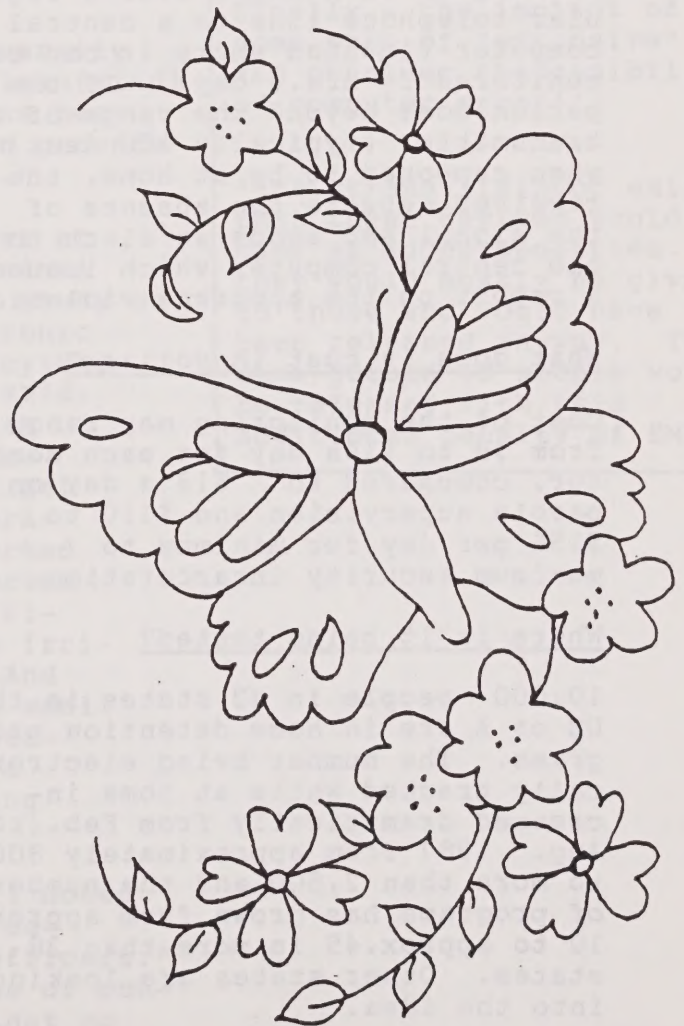
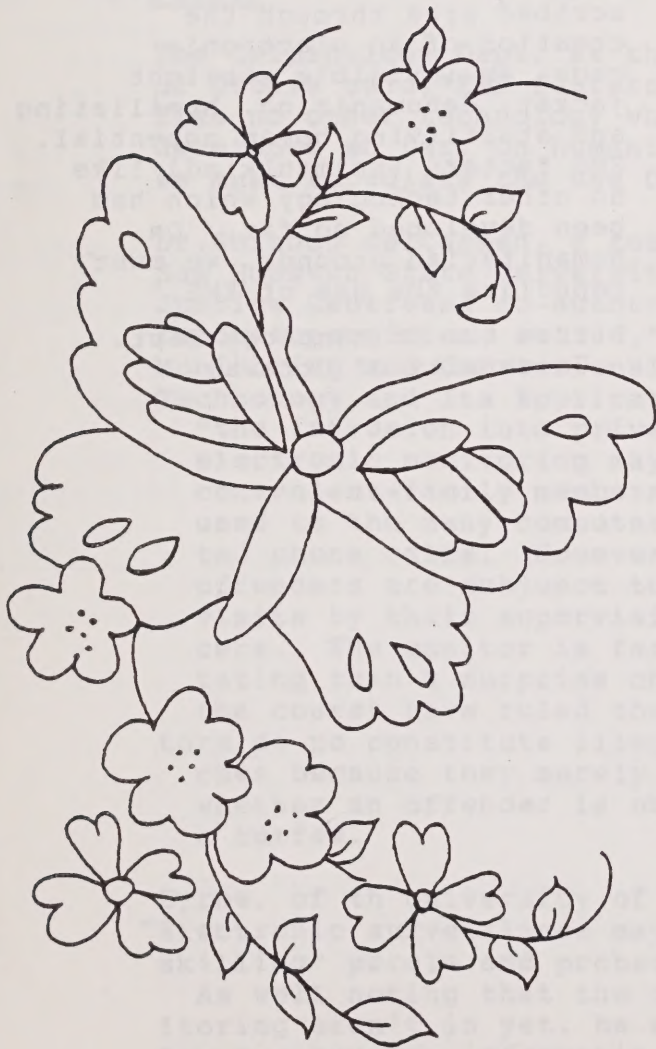
Only we human beings have the ability to make conscious choices, and that, of course, is the ultimate freedom. It's what I cherish most. When I'm near the edge, ready to give up because it all seems too much, somehow I'm reminded that we lose because we allow ourselves to lose. We choose freedom - by planning, by acting deliberately and with purpose. We can choose the life we live and we can choose to win.



FREEDOM - Taking Flight cont't

Hold a lofty vision of yourself. Think of yourself as you wish to be: organized, capable, confident. See yourself spreading your wings, reaching for the sky. Affirm to yourself throughout the day, "I can". It's an immutable law: Our lives mirror our thinking. We can attract whatever we expect and hold as our mental attitude.

For people of today, a can-do attitude is critical at this juncture in our lives. Rather than feeling depressed or overwhelmed by difficulties, we must reach for new possibilities. Put your house in order. Take courage. Lift your consciousness. Lift your faith. Go on - fly to freedom. Take flight.



ALTERNATIVES

Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS)

What is it?

A battery-operated device, the size of a cigarette package

How is it worn?

The selected person is fitted on the wrist or ankle via an unbreakable strap.

How does it work?

The device transmits a signal to a receiver, plugged into a telephone jack in the person's home. The signal is relayed over a regular telephone line to a central computer (located where it can be monitored 24 hrs. a day). If the person goes beyond the range of the transmitter (typically 150 feet) when supposed to be at home, the receiver detects the absence of the signal and sends an alert to the central computer which issues a report on the apparent violation.

What does it cost in dollars?

Cost of the monitoring may range from \$4 to \$14 a day for each monitor, compared to \$13 a day on parole supervision and \$110 to \$156 per day for minimum to maximum security incarceration.

Where is it being tested?

10,000 people in 42 states in the US of A are in home detention programs. The number being electronically tracked while at home increased dramatically from Feb. to Aug. 1987 from approximately 800 to more than 2,500 and the number of programs has grown from approx. 10 to approx. 45 in more than 20 states. Other states are looking into the idea.

"EMS is not being used to free or enhance the quality of life; rather it is being used to enslave (hu)man(kind), to limit .. movement to a circumscribed area through the creation of an electronic cage, an invisible straight jacket, dehumanizing, humiliating and stultifying human potential. EMS fetters (hu)man(kind) like no other technology which has been developed so far. On humanitarian grounds, we must repudiate the use of EMS."

(from the Criminology Dept.
University of Ottawa)

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Where is it being tested in Canada?

B.C. is the first province using EMS on a trial basis. Intermittent sentences for non-violent offences have been selected. B.C.'s project is being implemented in conjunction with its Temporary Absence program. The B.C. government has formed an advisory committee of groups such as the Elizabeth Fry Society, the John Howard Society, the B.C. Civil Liberties Association, and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD). Attorney General Brian Smith also wrote to many individuals and groups working in the criminal justice field last year, asking for their input on EMS.

Fears?

The Criminology Dept. at the University of Ottawa said, "EMS fetters (hu)man(kind) like no other technology which has been developed so far. On humanitarian grounds we must repudiate the use Of EMS."

Dr. Rolando del Carmen, a researcher at Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Centre and co-author of a study on remote supervision, called, "Electronic Monitoring and Correctional Policy: the Technology and Its Application" said:

"the intrusion into privacy with electronic monitoring may be inconvenient-family members must get used to the many computer-generated phone calls. However diverted offenders are subject to surprise visits by their supervising officers. The monitor is far less irritating than a surprise check.. And the courts have ruled that the monitors do not constitute illegal searches because they merely record whether an offender is observing a curfew.

Byrne, of the University of Lowell noted "Electronic surveillance may be "deskilling" parole and probation officers."

As well noting that the results of monitoring aren't in yet, he said that so far "we have no information on which is more effective - old parole officer spot checks or a printout the next day serving notice that so and so wasn't home."

Other Views

by
Bowser Smith

...may be a good thing for some people - keep them out of jail. For myself, I believe in personal control.

...Just like leashes, should be used for dogs, not people.

...high risk of abuse-- first, the monitoring then - a "shock" added for an infraction. finally - the implant of some sort of "explosive" and consider the possibility of computer error!!!

***A strong likelihood exists that these devices would be used as added penalties... they would mostly be given to those who would have been released anyway. The same groups of people would be released with this additional penalty of EMS.

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Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) Page 3

Does it save money to the taxpayer?

Florida Dept. of Corrections has saved \$300 million in the past 4 years by diverting large numbers of felons from prison: 72% were diverted from prisons and 14% from county jails. The other 14% would have been on other forms of probation.

The bottom line is... for every 600 felons diverted, you don't need to build a prison that costs \$40- \$50 million.

Estimates for New Jersey state spending on its corrections system by the year 2000, if maintaining current sentencing policies, could reach \$2.5 Billion, seven times the current budget. A panel recommended that legislature establish a panel to examine less expensive and more effective alternatives to incarceration.

What type of offender has been on EMS?

In the Orange County, Calif. program the types were fairly representative of the types nationwide. Most are convicted of drunk-driving, property offenses, drug possession and other non-violent crimes. Most are required to find work and contribute time to a community service. Length of stay on such programs averages from 30 days to four months. An average officer caseload runs about 35-40 offenders.

While a few areas use the monitoring for violent offenders- Utah uses it for sex offenders and the Tennessee parole board uses it for high risk parolees- the trend seems to reserve the devices for non-violent criminals at this point.

Alan Schuman, director of social services for the Washington, D.C. superior court and chief district probation officer thinks that the trend toward low-risk offenders is a mistake. "Electronic monitoring has a real place for serious offenders," he said. "But some jurisdictions use that as an opportunity to appease the community and make it feel safer so they can deal with overcrowding in their prison system."

FUTURE WATCH

The electronic monitoring devices originally intended to monitor the movements of parolees are now conveniently available for use by the general public.

Jealous lovers, possessive husbands and wives, over cautious, concerned parents can now purchase designer styled, color co-ordinated bracelets, collars & belts- chastity optional to monitor the activities of "loved ones"

Super sleuths with a deeper sense of strategy can now arrange to have undetectable devices implanted by pre-arrangement dental work or the frame of eye glasses.

In this day...No need for any action to go UNDETECTED!!

Testimonial

Leon Cupp, 27, of Pensacola, Florida, has been on a monitor for about a month as a participant in the Florida Community Control program.

An automotive electrician, Cupp was sentenced to three months on the monitor after he twice violated his probation for a felony criminal mischief conviction. He admits that the device has reigned him in.

"It's harder than I thought it would be," he says. "It's harder than when I was on community control (regular probation) When I was on that, I could run over to the store and get cigarettes. With this unit on I can't even leave the yard because it will tell on me."

But, Cupp adds, "It's easier to serve than going to prison and I get to come home and support my family. Any day I would take this over prison. And besides that who's gonna support my family-I'm married and I got a child."

Cupp says he has not made major adjustments to living with the monitor. "I'm basically doing the same thing as I was before when I was on probation," he explains. "The only thing different is that I got a computer now. At times it does get uncomfortable."

Cupp keeps the device hidden under his pants and work boots and says few people have seen it.

Researchers say they are finding that the devices seem to have some therapeutic effect.

Dr. Charles M. Friel, director of the Sam Houston State University Criminal Justice Center, interviewed some participants as they completed their sentences on the Florida program.

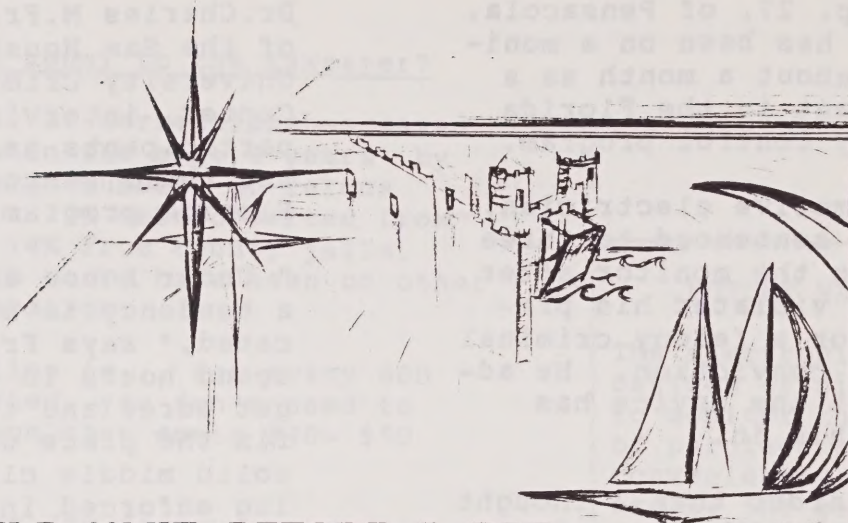
"Under house arrest, there's a tendency to become domesticated," says Friel. "They spend hours in the house and get bored and they start to fix the place up. This is a solid middle class value, being enforced inadvertently, to take care of property," says Friel.

The offenders also find new, changed relationships because they are forced to count on friends and family for shopping and errands.

The participants studied also became healthier because they were forced to quit abusing alcohol and drugs and keep regular hours - staying at home at nights rather than running around town, Friel said. The offenders are also forced to save money for the first time in their lives. It's difficult to spend money when the rules of probation limit or prohibit any shopping trips.

"The most telling thing is that people say jail is easier," continued Friel. "In jail somebody is telling you what to do. In home detention with the box, they have to tell themselves not to violate."

Friel, co-author of a new National Institute of Justice study on remote supervision called "Electronic Monitoring and Correctional Policy: the Technology and Its Application,"



IF I SHOULD WAKE BEFORE I DIE

I'D PAINT THE STARS AND COLOR THE MOON
ON HIGH
I'D FLY FASTER THAN THE EYE
I'D CROSS THE OCEANS IN A SPOON
I'D BUILD A PALACE MADE OF GOLD
I'D TELL OF FORTUNES NEW AND OLD
I'D SAIL THE SEAS IN ALL THE FOUR
CORNERS OF THE WORLD
I'D SPEAK TO THE WISE MEN IN TIBET
I'D SELL THE BEST HORSES WHEN YOU BET
BUT MOST OF ALL, I'D SHEAR THESE CHAINS
THAT SQUEEZE MY WRISTS AND ANKLES TOO
TO CEASE THE PAIN I'VE BROUGHT TO YOU.

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SIGNALS

Drowned in my drunken tiredness
Like a plague of loneliness
I loose control control of reality

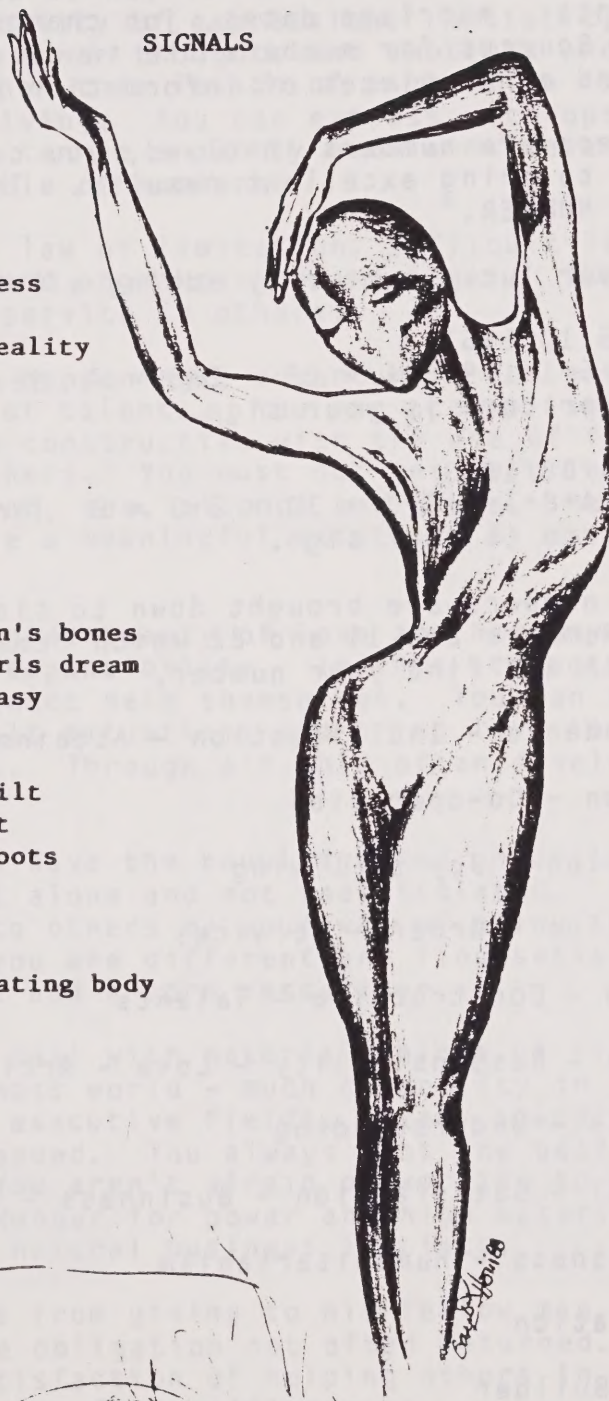
Happiness around me bursts
But I poison the circle
With an achness of sadness

The hurt rips from my heart
The ache is like an old woman's bones
The yearning like a young girls dream
The wish like a child's fantasy

My hands are stained with guilt
No soap can cleanse the print
And no color can cover the roots

For only death can purify
and extinguish this deteriorating body
of mine.....

doriana



YOUR LUCKY NUMBER

by Irene Lacroix

Numerology is the study of the occult signification of numbers. It is the same as your astrology sign. It never changes. It can help you understand both your own strengths and weaknesses as well as those of another. This number can be useful in planning for special events: marriage dates, job changes, trips and vacations. Sources for numbers lie in dates, phone numbers, home addresses and other pieces of information which contain numbers.

Whenever there are numbers involved, you can calculate the number most likely to bring excellent results. This is frequently called your "LUCKY NUMBER."

Determine your lucky number by adding all the numbers of your date of birth.

Example: 16/10/1961
 $1+6+1+1+9+6+1 = 25 = 2+5 = 7$ Seven(7) is your number
Capricorn is your sign.

Example: 24/08/1933
 $2+4+8+1+9+3+3 = 30 = 3+0 = 3$ Three(3) is your number
Virgo is your sign.

Numberology numbers are brought down to single digit from 1 to 9. Two Master Numbers are 11 and 22 which remain the same. Add your date of birth and find your number.

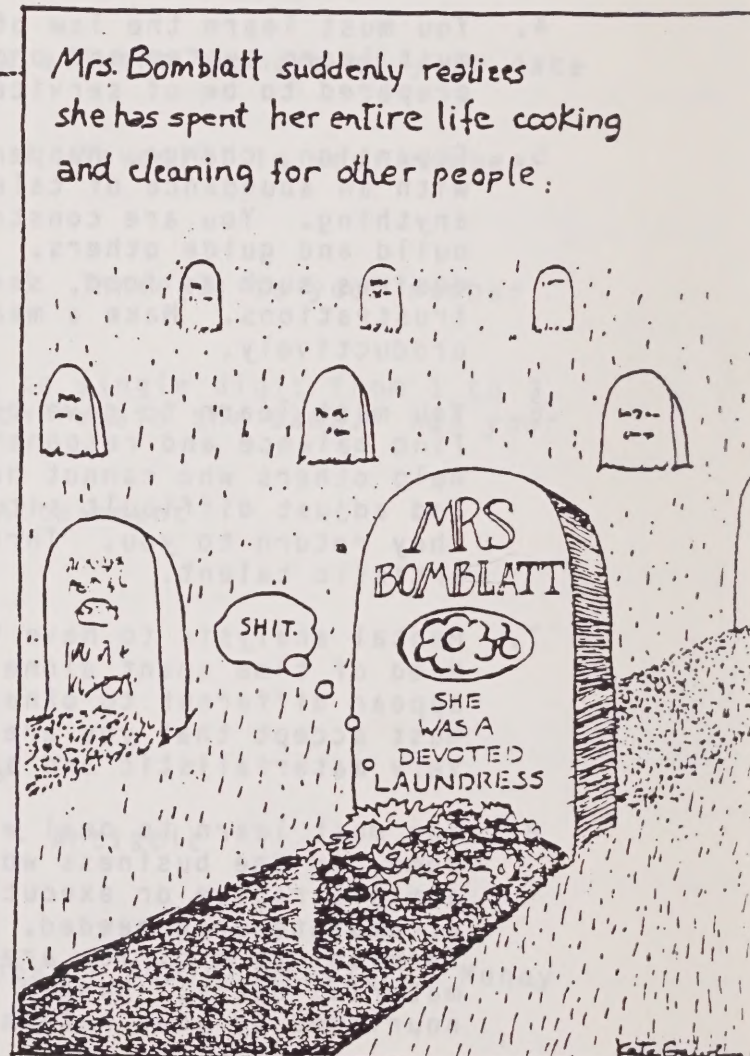
1. Independence - Individuation - Attainment
2. Relation - Co-operation
3. Expression - Joy of living
4. Limitation - Order - Services
5. Freedom - Constructive - Talents
6. Balance - Responsibility - Love - Artistic
7. Analysis - Understanding
8. Material - Satisfaction - Business - Administration - Money
9. Selflessness - Humanitarianism
11. Illumination
22. Master Builder

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER can't

1. Must find yourself individuation - capability of independence - awareness of self attainment, likes to work alone. Good leader or manager.
2. Person who needs to be in a group or with another person. Needs a relationship with others to work in co-operation.
3. Needs to find capability of expression. Artistic, writing, painting, singing, inner thoughts and emotions and feelings towards others. When this lesson of expression is learned, it brings joy of living. You can express with optimism and enthusiasm. There can be a purity even a naivete here. This is the most enjoyable of numbers.
4. You must learn the law of limitation. Difficult lesson you must learn system and organization and order. Then you are prepared to be of service to others.
5. Expansion, change, happenings, adventure. You are a person with an abundance of talents. You can accomplish almost anything. You are constructive with the use of freedom to build and guide others. You must not get lost in physical desires such as food, sex, alcohol and drugs. Must control frustrations. Make a meaningful existence by using freedom productively.
6. You must learn to give beauty of love and harmony, then you find balance and responsibility. In this strength you can help others who cannot help themselves. You can harmonize and adjust difficult situations and bring love to others that they return to you. Through all this often develops an artistic talent.
7. Mental analysis to have the knowledge and understanding. Need of time spent alone and not feel isolated. You often appear different to others by your way of doing things. You must accept that you are different and find satisfaction. Very materialistic and a born researcher.
8. You must learn to deal with material things of life. At home, in the business world - much capability in administrative or executive fields. Easy spending but can accumulate when needed. You always want the best home, cars, furnishings etc. You aren't afraid of working to achieve the material needs. Hunger for power and high material goals are nourished by your natural business instinct.
9. Satisfaction comes from giving to his fellow man. There is little reward, the obligation not often returned. When you have found the satisfaction of helping others in a humanitarian way, you find selflessness.

YOUR LUCKY NUMBER Con't

11. Very intuitive and bring message of love. By your own illumination, others absorb and benefit. Brings a lot of good to fellow man. You are more of a dreamer than a doer.
22. You have idealism and the ability to turn it into concrete form. Enormous power to produce on a significant scale. You are a builder, capable of feats well beyond others. You have an enormous potential that is seen by your fellow man, but you are the most difficult to reach.



Cartoons recycled from the newsletter of the Antigonish Women's Association "AWARE"....thanks Nova Scotia!!

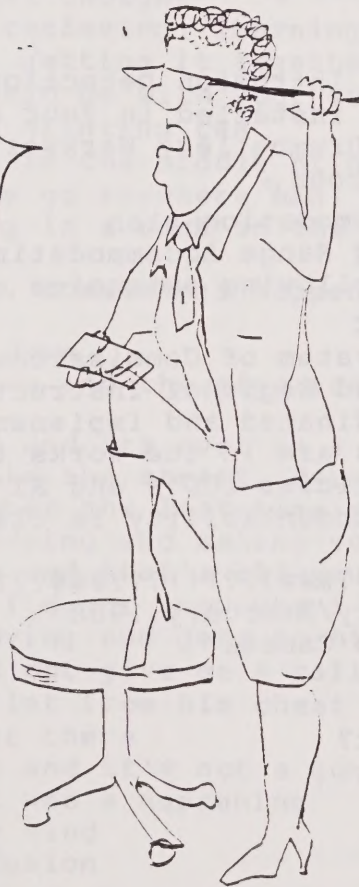
The late Dwight Morrow who was very absent-minded, was once reading earnestly on a train when the conductor asked for his ticket. Frantically, Mr. Morrow searched for it.

"Never mind, Mr. Morrow," the conductor said. "When you find it mail it to the company. I am certain you have it."

"I know I have it" exploded Mr. Morrow, "but what I want to know is, where in hell I'm going!"

STANDING PAT: Doesn't matter who you are, some rules cannot be broken. **Bob Brown**, Michigan's corrections director, attended a banquet at the state prison in Jackson. Brown asked the inmate serving his table for a second pat of butter for his baked potato. "No, sir," the con replied. "One potato, one pat." Brown asked the inmate, "Do you know who I am?" He didn't, so Brown explained that he was the guy in charge of the entire Michigan prison system. "Fine, sir," the inmate replied, adding, "Do you know who I am? I'm the dude in charge of the butter pats." Stymied, Brown withdrew his request.

ANOTHER CITATION
FOR
FAILING TO GIVE
THE CORRECT
HAND SIGNALS



In an English Act of Parliament there was a law passed for rebuilding Clemsford Jail. By one part of the new law the new jail was to be built from the material of the old one; by another part of the law, the prisoners were to be kept in the old jail until the new jail was completed.

*** NEW for 1988 ***

NEW case managment strategy introduced
"Standards and Guidelines for
Case Managment" will be issued early this yr

NEW custody rating scale developed
"A new Custody Rating Scale will be
introduced early 1988 to assist the
initial classification of offenders".

NEW CRC standards
"Standards for community residential fa-
cilities to take effect this April, have
resulted from the co-operative efforts of
CSC and the private sector."

MORE PIDS-
" Perimeter Intrusion Detection Systems
have been installed in four more institutions
in 1987- Drumheller, Warkworth, Atlantic
and Donnacona.."

NEW long range accomodation plan
" A new Long Range Accommodatin plan was
created following extensive consultation"

NEW policy framework
" A new system of Commissioners'Directives
(CD's) and Regional Instructions (RI's)
was coordinated and implemented. National
Standards are in the works to define what
these policies (CD's and RI's) MEAN and to
ensure accountability is clearly identified."

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Q: Is this All talk?

A.Ed

DREAMSCAPING

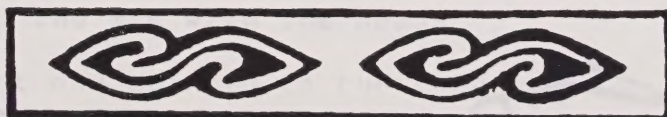
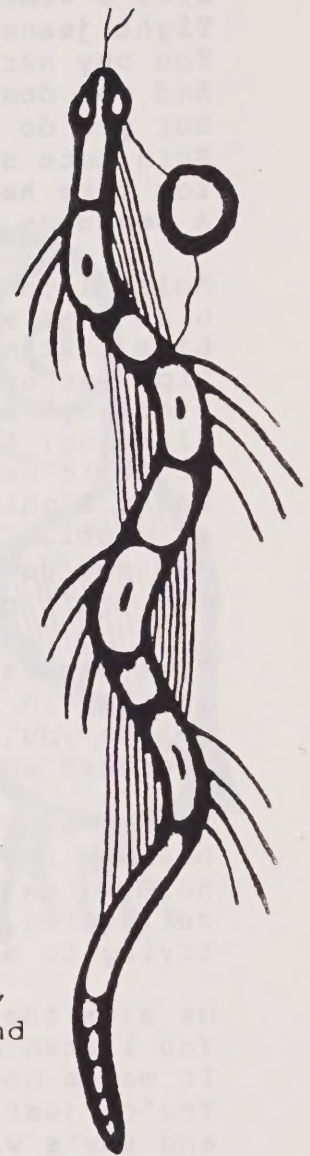
Greens man,
Made in canada prison greens
In the kitchen wearing greens.
Eating pork chops and instant mash
The chops look a little green
You're thinking prison green.

Ya! Forest green and you're there
Standing there in skins and being you
Looking for a reason to do what has to be done
Wanting to make them see, let them know
Fucking just doing it to them!
Anyway you know how
There's no stopping, not you nor them
No one stops and the living just keep on struggling.

And there's this man doing his thing
Living in a rock and stringing beads
Drinking tea and talking
Herbal tea and verbal thought
Sending, teaching, recieving, learning
Ideas, information, getting it together,
And you wish you could be with your women
Stringing beads and drinking tea
Communing in a rock in the middle of no-where
No-where, as in "why go anywhere man, this is it"
And so you're living in a rock in the green in a dream.

Lights are flashing, somethings happening
You're coming down,
the rain is coming down
Somethings going down and the pigs are around.

Smoking gun in hand and its over in a second
Some guy is laying in the street, dying and asking you why
And you can't remember the last time you talked to a friend
Someones friend is dying and asking you why
And you look at him and that's all you can do
"I don't know man, I don't know why I shot you"
A dying man stops dying and gets to his feet"
"Well when you find out give me a call and tell me why"
He tosses you a bullet from his chest but you never catch it
because it was never there
You look at the gun and it's not a gun at all, it's a drink
No one got shot, it was a happening
a happening in your mind
An illusion of confusion
What's happening
Why's it happening.



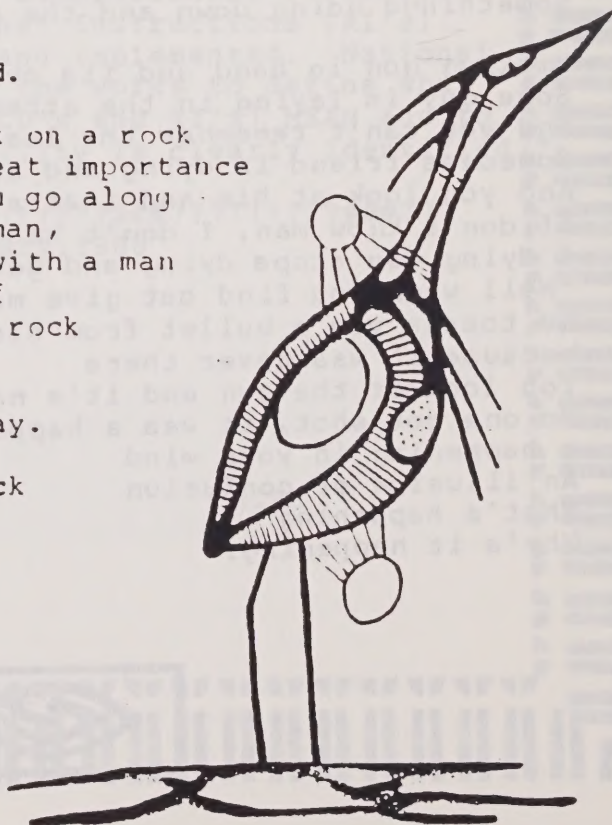
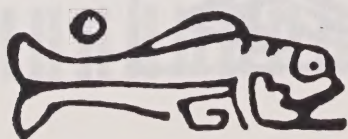
Across from you sits a man stringing beads
 And he's telling you how it should be
 Listen to learn, learn to live
 Time floats, another bead is strung and a pattern takes shape,
 shape is happening and it's happening in the shape of a woman
 Like a woman in a dream, in your dream
 Tight jeans, quick smile
 You buy her a drink and get to know her too well in too short a time
 And you don't tell her you love her
 But you do love her in a room above a bar
 Skin unto skin, flesh into flesh
 You take her in rythm to the sound of a not too distant juke box
 A sensuous voice singing 'I want to wrap around your dream'.

Moist lips lying, kissing, carressing
 Lips that say "Hmm, it feels so good"
 Lips that never stop kissing good-bye
 Lips carressing skin illuminated by motel neon sign
 "Vacancy" on, "Vacancy" off, "Vacancy" on,
 flashing, flashing
 Economic neon, effective and cheap
 Cheap lighting promoting cheap sex
 An emotion in motion and later you can't remember her name
 And you don't remember your name and nobody cares
 You don't care, not for her, not for yourself.

Time passes, infinity becomes now and now stretches into tomorrow
 You lay in the green thinking about a life that happened
 Beside you lays a woman and your at home in the middle of no-where
 Overhead an eagle soars, hunting prey, protecting domain.

At the edge of the forest is a man
 Dressed in skins being himself,
 holding an eagle feather, chanting,
 reflecting, searching for visions,
 trying to make sense of a wasting world.

He sits there chanting, beating a stick on a rock
 You listen and find the chant holds great importance
 It means nothing, you make it up as you go along
 You're just there and you're with a woman,
 and she's with a woman, that woman is with a man
 the man is wearing beads, being himself
 And together you're all communing in a rock
 in the middle of green,
 in a dream
 because you can't be there any other way.
 So the chanting goes on
 and you watch as the man takes the stick
 and draws a circle
 in the Earth
 A circle of life, a cycle
 No beginning, no end
 only continuity.



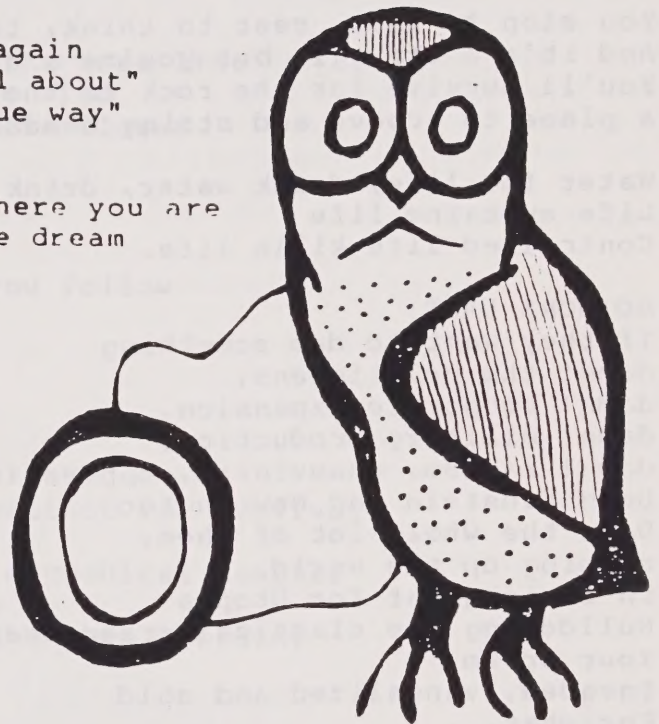
And so like the circle you walk continuously
Always moving forward trying not to look back
Yesterday is past and gone,
today is for the living
And to live is to struggle...

So you walk
Footprints replacing footsteps
Never stepping back
And you struggle...
Struggle to live, to love, to dream
Dream green,
struggle to live the green dream.
And the man with the beads is talking again
"You see the difference, what it is all about"
"You come here to dream, to see the true way"
And you know he is right
So you walk and you don't look back
Because if you look back you will be where you are
And where are you if you are not in the dream
Being out of dream sucks!
Reality sucks!
Sucks you in real quick and holds you
in prison, in a box, in anonymity
In a world within a world.

How do you cope with it all
The isolation,
regulation,
regimentation,
administration!!!
Is there a solution to your despair.

"Ya, less green pork and gun control"
Better chops and control of a gun
Shoot up the whole fucking system
So full of holes that it sinks all around you
so deep that nothings left but the chops on your plate
And if all that's left is the chops then you'll know
there isn't anything left to live for
You'll sit there staring at your plate
And your past will start catching up to you
Let it get a hold of you and it's game over
Fuck parole, you're going out forever
But the plate
Something about the plate that you can't quite put a finger on
Yet you do put your finger on it
and trace its edge.

Around and around and round and round
Continuous motion, infinite line, circle of life
And life is for the living...
and you're not ready to die
Not yet!
The cry of an eagle and the man with the beads
is standing there,
his arm is held straight and pointed to the future.



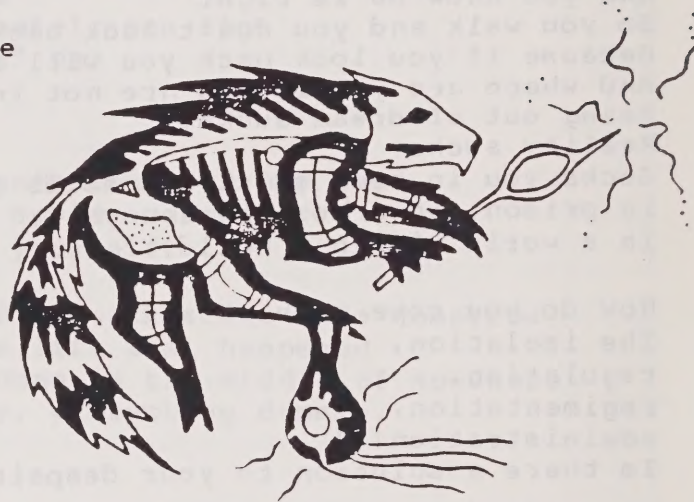
You follow his gaze and he's looking into tomorrow
 And the prison ain't in tomorrow,
 just the green
 So you put your past behind you and you walk
 In the circle of life
 And life is...

Water for life
 Flowing, moving, sustaining
 Somebody put up a fucking dam and killed everything
 behind it.

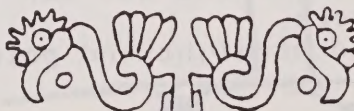
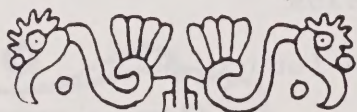
You stop to rest, rest to think, think to survive
 And it's a struggle but you're a survivor
 You'll survive for the rock in the green,
 a place to groove and string beads.

Water for life, drink water, drink life
 Life sustains life
 Controlled life kills life.

NO MORE DAMS!
 If they want to dam something
 damn! the politicians,
 damn! corporate expansion,
 damn! military production,
 damn! racism, chauvinism, oppression
 Damn Einstein and Newton too
 Damn the whole lot of them,
 ripping up the world
 in their quest for Utopia
 Bulldozing the classical green dream
 Your dream
 Invaded, vandalized and sold
 For what...
 You won't take it will you
 No, damn it! you'll fight in the best way you know how
 Defend the green dream.



Drinking cold, clear life
 Wondering, worrying, hating
 Take it back,
 take it all back,
 every last square inch!
 Smash down hierarchy
 Share ideas
 Share wealth, space, labour, food, water
 Share life
 Cold, clear drink
 Life sustainance
 Your life,
 your brother's
 your sister's.



Up the mountain you run
Dodging natural barriers that mean no harm
moving in and out of shadows
which have yet to be recorded into history
Freedom like you've never known
Living and running in the green

At the top you rest but for a moment
for in the valley below caribou are grazing
You are a hunter and your belly is tight with hunger
And you would not kill except to survive
so down you go,
calculating the strike
At the bottom you move stealthily from the tree line
Crouched low to the earth you move down wind
The caribou do not detect you as you move closer
You are master of your own destiny,
your moves are exact.

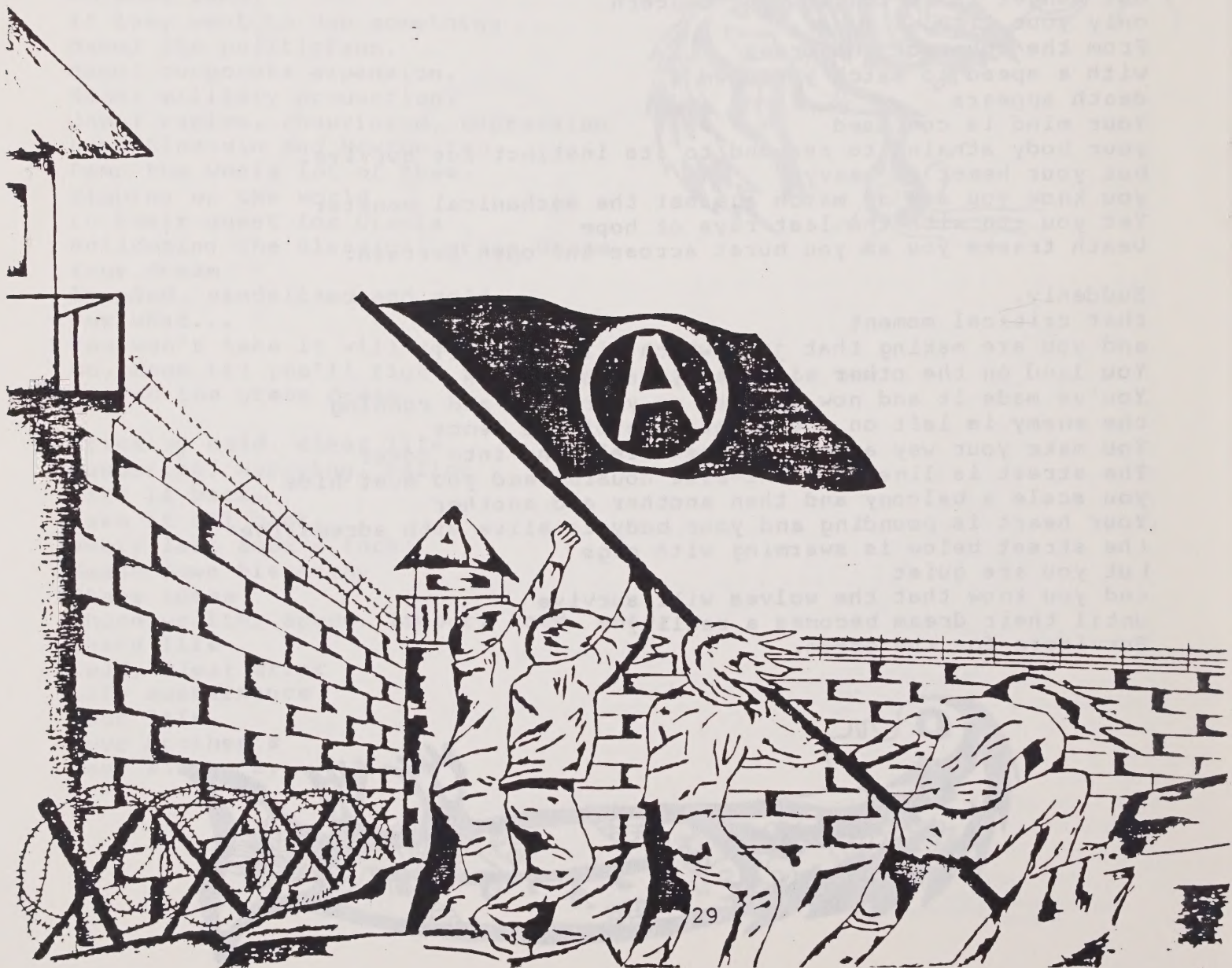
Suddenly,
the caribou bolt and are running and you follow
but hunger is no longer your concern
only your life
From the cover of the trees
with a speed to match your own
death appears
Your mind is confused
your body strains to respond to its instinct for survival
but your heart is heavy
you know you are no match against the mechanical monster
Yet you run with the last rays of hope
Death tracks you as you burst across the open terrain.

Suddenly,
that critical moment
and you are making that jump which will tell all
You land on the other side and your body rolls
You've made it and now you are on your feet and running
the enemy is left on the other side of the fence
You make your way across an open field and into cover
The street is lined with hi-rise housing and you must hide
you scale a balcony and then another and another
Your heart is pounding and your body is alive with adrenaline
the street below is swarming with pigs
but you are quiet
and you know that the wolves will survive
until their dream becomes a reality
Survivors for the green.



And the wolves are many
scattered here and about
Some free to run, some imprisoned
Imprisoned for acting on crimes against the green
For trying to undo what should never have took place
So you sit and listen to the man with the beads
Before long your voice echoes his thoughts
and the thoughts of others
You commit yourself to the struggle that exists
and you do what needs to be done when needed
to protect the green
The dream is as real as you make it
and you will make it
For tomorrow comes but once a day
and then is lost forever
What we make of tomorrow our children inherit
And theirs must be a better world.....

December 1987 ... Gray Owl



Gently, Calmly, by little and by little she began
to see again
the scattered fragments of herself and each was
twinkling,

attracting her attention, with light from
the original Peace
shining through.

Wondering, she melted from the
frozen unreality into Joy.
As, glorying, she took each spiky
fragment, recognizing and
holding it into rounded wholeness,
Placing each reverently, side by
side, by under, by round,
by through and over the others,
she made her whole and it was
good.

Unknowning, uncaring for the
time whether she would
live to
be amazed and love again,
she explored the coloured,
translucent beauty
Trusting in the glory
of her creation.

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MY SISTERS' HANDS

Water imagery stays with me.
One swimmer through an endless sea.
Sheer terror of abandonment
to an infinite watery space.

A rebirth and recognition of other swimmers...
...we float...
..sink from the surface turmoil to unfathomed dark..
are gently, firmly grasped by more experienced hands....
...restored to upper light
.....to swim on again....

Mouths move sounds unheard...
as hands restore...
hands reaching...clasping...
hands encircling hands, shoulders, waists
----streaming hair----

Their spirits are ageless...
hands smooth, strong, worn arthritic curled
hands pull us together...
.....into the fullness of new infinity.....

j. mayhew

HANDS... from the WEST COAST

The following was submitted by the energetic hands of Claire Culhane ---

When I am an old woman I shall wear purple
With a red hat which doesn't go and doesn't suit me,
And I shall spend my pension on brandy and summer gloves
And satin sandals, and say we have no money for butter.
And I shall sit down on the pavement when I'm tired
And gobble up samples in shops and press alarm bells
And run my stick along the public railings
And I shall make up for the sobriety of my youth
I shall go out in my slippers in the rain
And pick the flowers in other people's gardens
And learn to spit
But maybe I ought to practice a little now?
So people who know me are not too shocked and surprised
When suddenly I am old and start to wear purple.

(author unknown) -- Claire, thanks for the poem, your help and support!!!

HANDS

from the EAST COAST

Citizens Concerned for the Rights of Prisoners

submitted by Judy Davis

On the Steps of the Prison for Women I Sat Down and Wept

I had come to dance,
While men drummed,
I drummed...
my hands, my feet, my head, my heart
against the impenetrable gray---
Gray wall, gray faces, gray as a
cloudy November day gray -- up
against the wall of gray.

The eighteen foot high wall
surrounds us on the inside, repels
us on the outside-

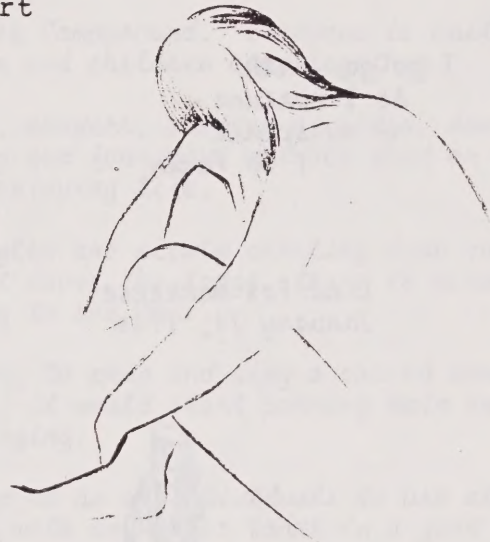
We danced
We honored sisters who died there
the weight of the wall crushes us.
We danced,
We honored sisters in Segregation
the wall blinds us
We find new ways of seeing

We danced, we ate, we shared
words and glances under the watchful
eye of big brother who masqueraded
in women's bodies, bleached blond hair
and Cor Can uniforms-

At 9:00 p.m. we were spit out onto the
gray concrete sheet -- I felt infinitesimal
So small against that wall...then
in the corner of my eye
I caught a glimpse of a
Crescent Moon with delightful star that rose above the wall
and in spite of the wall
it rose--

(this poem was written by Judy after she attended a Pow Wow at
P4W in 1986 -- the wall remains unchanged)

J. Davis

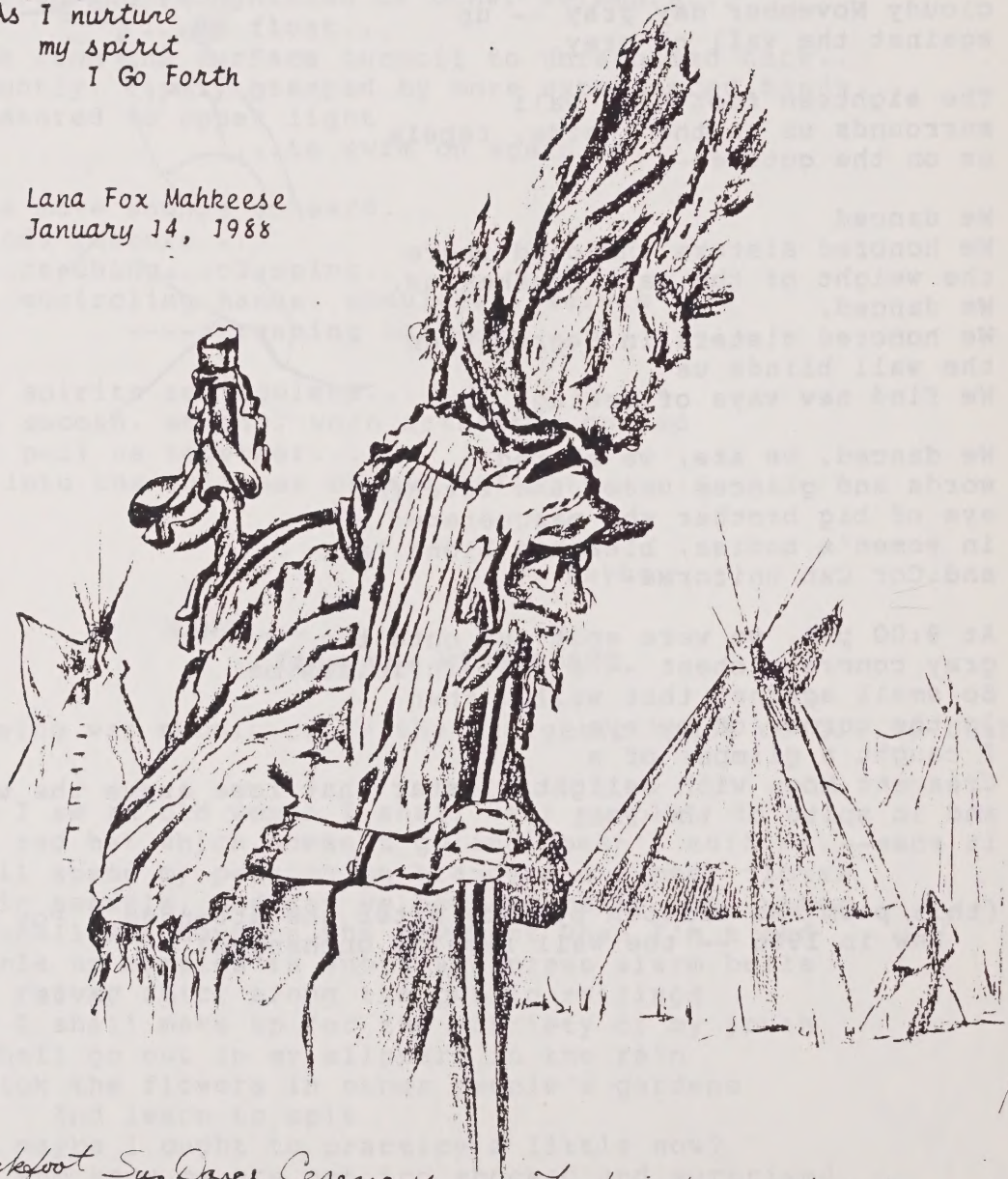


I GO FORTH

I only look
back in life
to see how far
I have come.

I go go forth
As I nurture
my spirit
I Go Forth

Lana Fox Mahkeese
January 14, 1988



Blackfoot Sun Dance Ceremony ~ Fasting Medicine Woman
from a drawing by T.E. Mails - 1871

I am a Cree/Saultaux Native Woman from Papot Reserve, Saskatchewan. I was raised there until I was 14. Growing up on my reserve, I have seen the sacred ceremonies, such as a raindance.

I hold many memories of these times. One such memory is our Rain Dance. It's a beautiful memory. I think of it and others when I need strength to Go Forth!

I will sure share some of it with you, the people who read Tightwire. My reserve is located in the Qu'Apple Valley, our raindances are held in the Valley.

The Sacred Lodge is in the middle of the Campground. Everyone is united for this. Grandmothers, Grandfathers, women, men and children come together.

The Ceremonies take place in the lodge, prayers, singing of songs, dancing. The people who are dancing are also fasting for four days without food or water. Children run around the camp playing, enjoying life.

While this is all taking place, the Eagles are slowly circling down over the top of the lodge, they come down low right above the lodge, there is usually at the least four of them. It's a beautiful feeling to see this.

The old men would come out of the lodge, to pray and sing a sacred song. Their prayers and songs would be so powerful, it would start pouring rain really hard, while they stood there praying and singing.

Our Native People are strong. It is up to us as individuals to use all we are given to nurture our spirit, so we can walk on Mother Earth in a good manner.

The Sweetgrass/Tobacco Road. The true Traditional Indian Way, to live in life - I believe it's the only way to live a good, fruitful life, with peace of mind and good thoughts - nothing materialistic as long as I am comfortable and happy.

This is the Road I have chosen to live, in prison and once free. In prison it is a big struggle to maintain what you believe in.

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I am quite aware there are people struggling out there from all walks of life. Even so, the public should not forget!

That we the people in prison, from many walks of life, are struggling to exist and maintain our strength!

Even when there are uncalled for actions by prison officials created! "Once out of prison, people tell you, "you are bitter!" And they wonder why? If they could for one minute feel and see, what we are subjected to, then they would understand why!

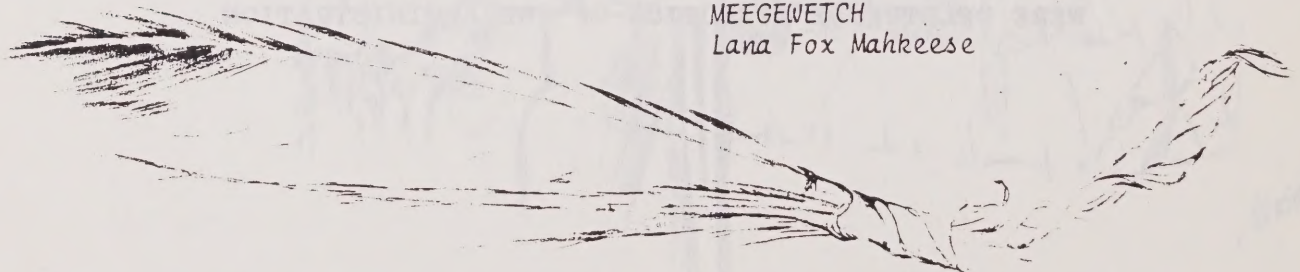
I could have expressed myself more, I have chosen not to, as officials censor material given to Tightwire, they most likely would have omitted, what I really wanted to put down on paper.

I have written this while we were on this lock down. Not of our choice! Today is January 14th, 1988. There is still 25 of us women locked, till when? Is unknown to us!

Today I am feeling very bitter! The way I am feeling and thinking I know is not good way to feel or think! I am aware I am not the only woman here locked feeling and thinking this way!

Still I pray and I ask the creator to ask my Kokum and Mushems, to give me strength, to enable me to live with and deal with the bitterness I feel. I also ask for strength, for the women in here!

MEEGEWETCH
Lana Fox Mahkeese



ALTERNATIVES

Prison is the most degrading, dehumanizing, desensitizing experience I believe exists here on earth. For any aboriginal peoples, I believe it is even more so, as the aboriginal heritage is one of belonging to the natural manner of living...the manner of being at one with the earth and all of her creatures...in deep appreciation of all life. Prison, therefore is even more cruel to the gentle hearted, and warrior spirited natures of all aboriginal peoples.

In Canada, the Native peoples have suffered along with their brothers and sisters at the hands of those who think of themselves as superior in culture and manner. The additional self-righteousness due to their own only religiousity enable them to justify the damaging treatment and destruction of our first Canadians, the Native peoples of Canada, and their Native culture.

In the prison "cystem" some recognitions of the rights of Native people to practice their own spirituality and cultural ceremonies has been won through much pain and hardship. The fact that prisons fail to decrease the crime rate, or to rehabilitate is well known. The fact that prisons fail even more so with regard to the Native prisoners, must as well be acknowledged.

It is past time to look at alternatives to incarceration, and the realization that alternatives must be specialized in order to be successful. Overall terms such as community residential centres, do not meet specific needs..and as such, will be destined for failure long before they are off the drawing board.

Facts concerning the % of Native peoples imprisoned out of the total number, have been assembled by Holly Johnson, a statician at the offices of the Department of the Solicitor General.



Staff of the
HIDATSA STONE HAMMER
SOCIETY BLACKFOOT 1800'S
from T.E. MAIUS
drawing - 1872

Ms. Johnson's report of July, 1986, Women and Crime in Canada tell us that....."Although natives (status and non-status Indians, Metis and Inuit) make up only about 2% of the Canadian population (Statistics Canada, Canada's Native People, 1984), they account for up to 93% of women and 85% of men admitted to some provincial and territorial institutions, and 14% of women and 9% of men serving federal sentences."

She goes on to say....70% of native women under federal jurisdiction were incarcerated in the Prison for Women in Ontario, great distances from where they were admitted and presumable from where they will eventually return."

From my personal experience of speaking with native prisoners, I have found the majority were raised by only one parent which in some cases was a grandmother or aunt, and most had experiences in foster homes and boarding type schooling situations where they were not permitted to speak their own language or even keep their hair braided! Many have had difficulty with substance abuse.

The common denominator I found was the desire to learn more about their own culture, Their warmth and great spirituality is innately present and displayed readily when celebrating their culture. This desire to regain an identity robbed from them should be encouraged and every effort should be made to encourage this pursuit once free of their cages.

Tax dollars now being spent in the construction of more prisons and in the addition of more security measures in existing prisons should be re-directed to Native Community projects which enhance the native culture and enable the Native peoples to return to their natural heritage.



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A L T E R N A T I V E S

Most prisoners on release from prison or penitentiary are admitted to a half-way house. There should be native sponsored and native programmed half-way houses for the many native prisoners. To date there is little in the way of follow up programs in half-way houses to those on the "inside" such as Native Sisterhood, Brotherhood, native counsellors and elders instructing in Native Spritual-ity. Substance abuse programs are not followed through and any intensive live-in programs are too often crowded and/or have inappropriate programming.

A P P R O P R I A T E resources is a logical step towards the phasing out of monstrous, dollar swallowing structures called prisons. The manner in which prisons are run and the manner in which the parole/half-way house situation, all doom the prisoner to failure, repeated failure. The high % of Native peoples in our prison population should bring forth a qualitative and quantitative study which results in perhaps Native Heritage Centres.

Centres could be formed whereby families live together in a semi-structured manner, learning and re-learning cultural skills. Enabling a nation to recover it's identity and dignity would enhance all Canadians.

No alcohol or drugs of any kind would be permitted, and with adequate programming eventually may not be a problem. Programs such as:

Native Kitchens-Traditional food preparation, nutrition and sugar lessened diets

Native Shops- Construction of traditional homes, boats, tools, bow making

Native Crafts-Sewing, bead-work, leatherwork, carving, painting

Native Education/Library
Native writing, history, culture

Native Spirituality
Elders teaching the sweatlodge ceremonies, prayers, fasting, naming, dancing.

Native Medicine
Growth and identification of plants & herbs, uses of, preparation of

Native Agriculture
Growth of natural food products, INTENSIVE methods, forestry, domestic animal care

Native Fishing
Net making, repairing, methods of fishing, canneries, smokehouses, freezing plants, boat making & repairing

Native Hunting
Tanning, skinning, butchering, bow making rifle repair & maintenance

In the Kibbutz of Israel, children spend the weekdays within a community area where they sleep, eat and attend school. Their weekends are spent with their parents. Each child, therefore, has an equal opportunity for education and proper nourishment and living conditions.

The survival of the Native culture depends on the next generations. Why not examine some of the A L T E R N A T I V E S to annihilation and destruction.

G. Horii

This drawing of a young Native girl is dedicated to a very beautiful young Native woman who early this morning resisted two male and three female guards in their enforced removal of her from her personal cage to a cage in segregation.

I pray for her warrior spirit.

I pray for her survival.
I pray for her eventual release from this horrendous asylum called Prison for Women.
I pray for her recovery so when free she may strengthen her children in their struggle to regain their dignity

as a family.....

as a people.....

as a Great Nation.



Distrust is
the legacy of a young
Indian girl whose people
have endured a CEASELESS
struggle for DIGNITY & JUSTICE.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - MARCH, 1977

"It is cold, and we have no blankets. The little children are freezing to death. My people, some of them, have run away to the hills, and have no blankets, no food. No one knows where they are—perhaps freezing to death. I want to have time to look for my children, and see how many of them I can find. Maybe I shall find them among the dead. Hear me, my chiefs! I am tired. My heart is sick and sad. From where the Sun now stands I will fight no more forever." Chief JOSEPH
Hinmahtooyahlat Kekht-Tgunder Rolling in the Mountains

MY FINAL HOUR OF LIFE

By MARGARET LAWRENCE

"So, if this were my Final Hour, these would be my words to you. I would not claim to pass on any secret of life, for there is none, or any wisdom except the passionate plea for caring. In your dedication to your own life's work, whatever it may be, live as though you had forever, for no amount of careful and devoted doing is too great in carrying out that work to which you have set your hands. Cultivate in your work and your life the art of patience, and come to terms with your inevitable human limitations, while striving also to extend the boundaries of your understanding, your knowledge and your compassion. These words are easily said; they are not easily lived. Learn from those who are older than you are; learn from your contemporaries; and never cease to learn from children. Try to feel in your heart's core, the reality of others. This is the most painful thing in the world, probably, and the most necessary. In times of personal adversity, know that you are not alone. Know that although in the eternal scheme of things you are small, you are also unique and irreplaceable, as are all your fellow humans everywhere in the world. Know that your commitment is above all to life itself. Your own life and work and friendships and love will come an end, because one day you will die, and whatever happens at all, it will not be on this earth. But life and work and friendship and love will go on, in others, your inheritors. The struggle for peace and social justice will go on - provided that our earth survives and that caring human beings still live. It is up to you, now, to do all that you can and that means a commitment, at this perilous moment in our history, to ensure that life itself will go on."

I'm missing you so gently

Gray loneliness of suffocation,
these walls of steel and stone.
My heart is of dead roses, dying
Anguish cries my soul
I'm missing you so gently
Running waters, these tears of warmth are dry;
Washed ashore to this desert heart
Drowning, drowning, dying.
I'm missing you so gently
Memories, moments past
Linger in my mind
Embers burning dimly,
In the winter's night
I'm missing you so gently
Tomb-stones where flowers be
Laying my heart of dead roses, dying
on your corpse beneath the sea
I'm missing you so gently
Wasted breath,
I leave unexpressed
dead roses on your grave
I'm missing you so gently...

M. Racky



OPPRESSIVE
TERMINAL
REVERIES

Immured behind these silent eyes,
Visions of silhouetted lurid figures;
In the conduction of immortality, morbid fatigue.

They furtively crawl within my mind,
Torturing my subconscious;
With ascendancy they possess, in hours of darkness.

The anxiety of fear that dwells within my soul,
from the hollow sounds of their
argot chants.

Echoes from their words of rage,
Crash against my skull like thunderbolts;
Destroying all the reality of sight and sound.

Oppressive, Terminal, Reveries,

Inflicted on the soul, transpires within the mind,
Of once a helpless child.

M. Racky



CHARLIE

BY COLLEEN MILLWARD

Charlie sat at his usual spot on his bench. It was a rather cold autumn morning as he thought to himself, "Time to find me my sleeping bag cause its getting cold as hell out there and not many of the other rubbies have a down-filled sleeping bag."

Matter of fact, it was two years ago when he was wandering through one of the back yards in lower town that he laid eyes on such a prize...

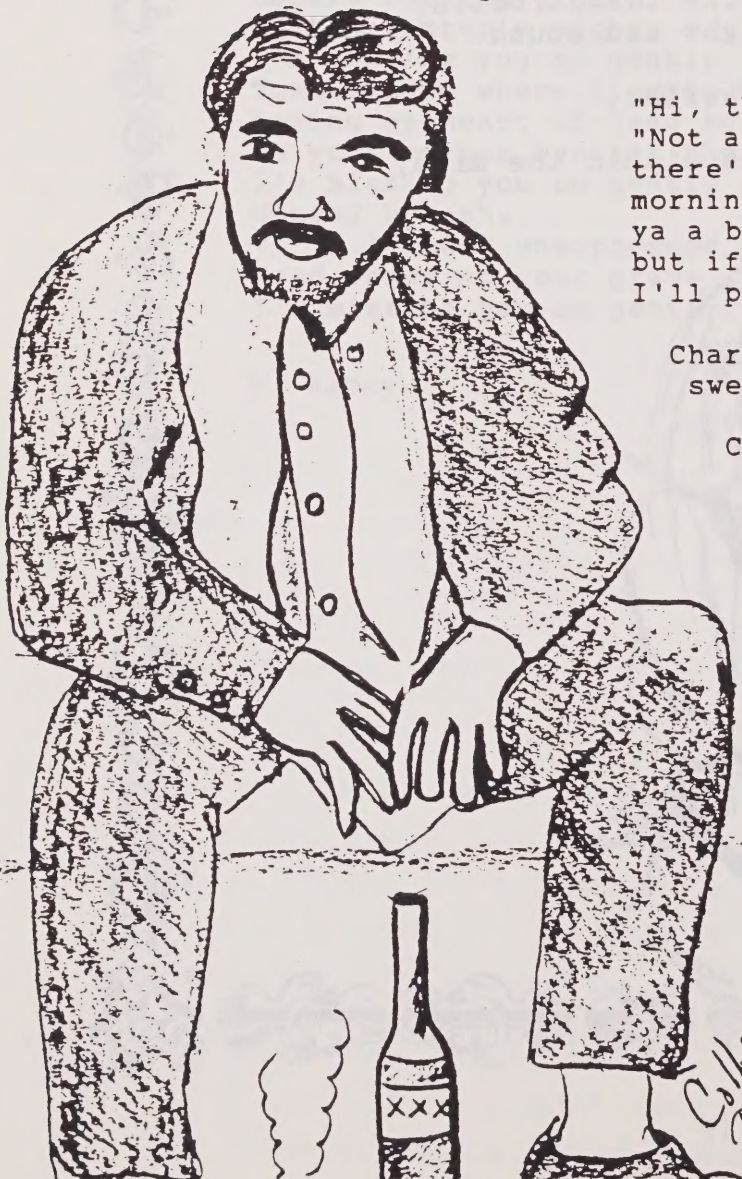
Deep in thought Charlie had not even noticed Roxie strolling down the street looking for a john. Only the strung out girls worked til 6:00 in the morning and by her gaunt features and frail thin little body, Charlie knew she was weird.

"Hi, there Roxanne, what's happening?"
"Not alot, Charlie, sure don't look like there's any marks out this early in the morning...tell ya what, Charlie,I'll give ya a buck cause that's all I have left... but if I give it to ya, its because I know I'll pull in alot of money today."

Charlie waited and said, "Sure ya will, sweetheart."

Charlie loved his corner more than any other place on the whole planet. He not only got a warm smile from the working girls but it also beat standing in front of the liquor store for a quarter a shot...plus when the girls got a date, Charlie always got a fresh, but... the battle scars on his face kept the younger rascals at bay.. the withered lines told a story of their own.

And the rip roaring jesus, son of a Newfoundlander was in good shape till the day he died.



*Colleen
Millward
4358.*

Days went by and poor ole Charlie often woke up kinda sick and kinda?...not cause he always had his bottle of Saint Georges nearby.

The seasons and the leaves changed and the girls were now talking about a new drug they were doing. They called it coca cola and from what Charlie could make sense of some just called the stuff coke which was short for coca cola.

Anyways, the girls were younger and the price of ass went sky high...
People got busted, Charlie wound up in the drunk tank once or twice.

One day on Welfare day, Charlie cleaned-up, went into the hotel. He drank from 8:00 in the morning on the Hull side til around 3:00 in the morning on a Christmas.

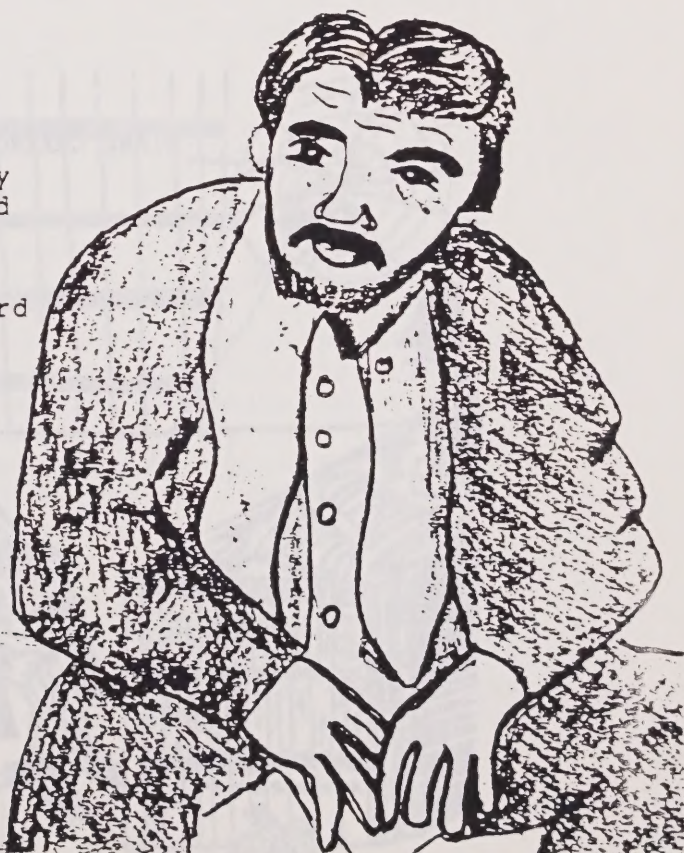
Out in the back some of the other winos were drinking rubbin alcohol, and Charlie had a shot or ten.....
Last thing he kind of curled up in a snow bank and a warm feeling of well being encircled him.

It was like laying in the sun. Next thing he knew all of his buddies were there and they began to trade stories.

Wait a minute, these guys had been dead for years.....

(in memory of my
father who died
of alcohol)

Colleen Millward



DANS MON BAIN

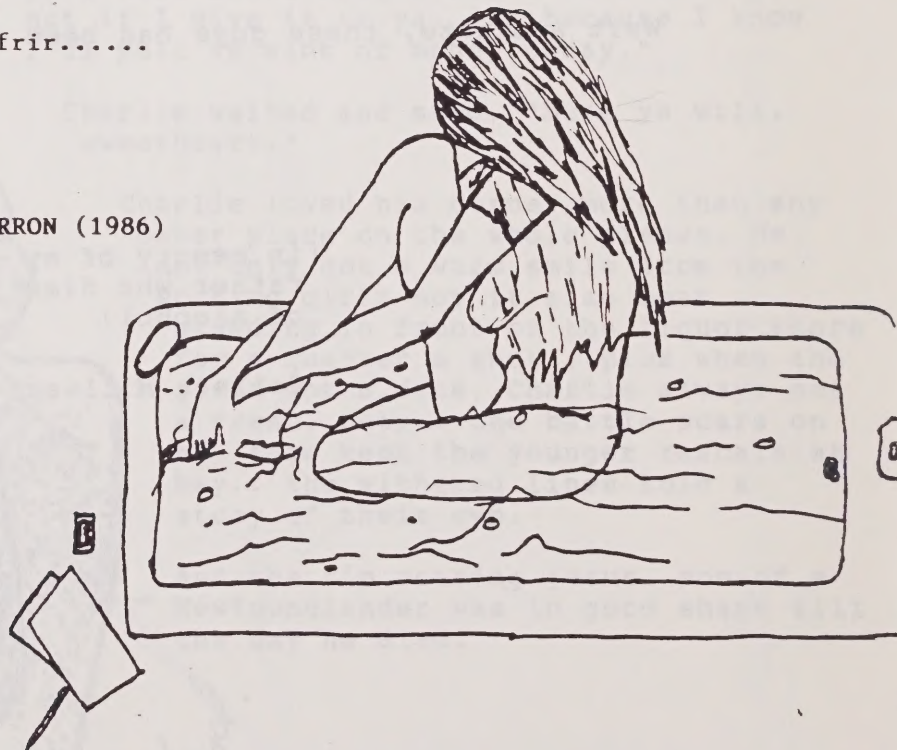
Assise dans bain chaud
Mon T-shirt blanc qui me
couvre le haut.
Je veux écrire se que je ressent
Même si je suis calme
Se que je compte faire, moi et ma lame.

J'aimerais un homme dans mon bain
qui calmerais mes mains
les divertir d'une autre facon
qu'entre ces murs de cette prison.

J'aimerais l'amour, que cette haine,
cette souffrance de tous les jours.
Qui mon être ne cherche que l'amour;
mais, j'ai juste souffrance, haine et
désespoir—du grand matin jusqu'au
soir.....

Me voilà! Assise dans mon bain,
où je cherche désespérément avec
ma main une lame que je vais utilisé.
Ca ne sert plus a rien de pleurer—
Plus que jamais, je doit fuir
tout ce qui me fait tand souffrir.....

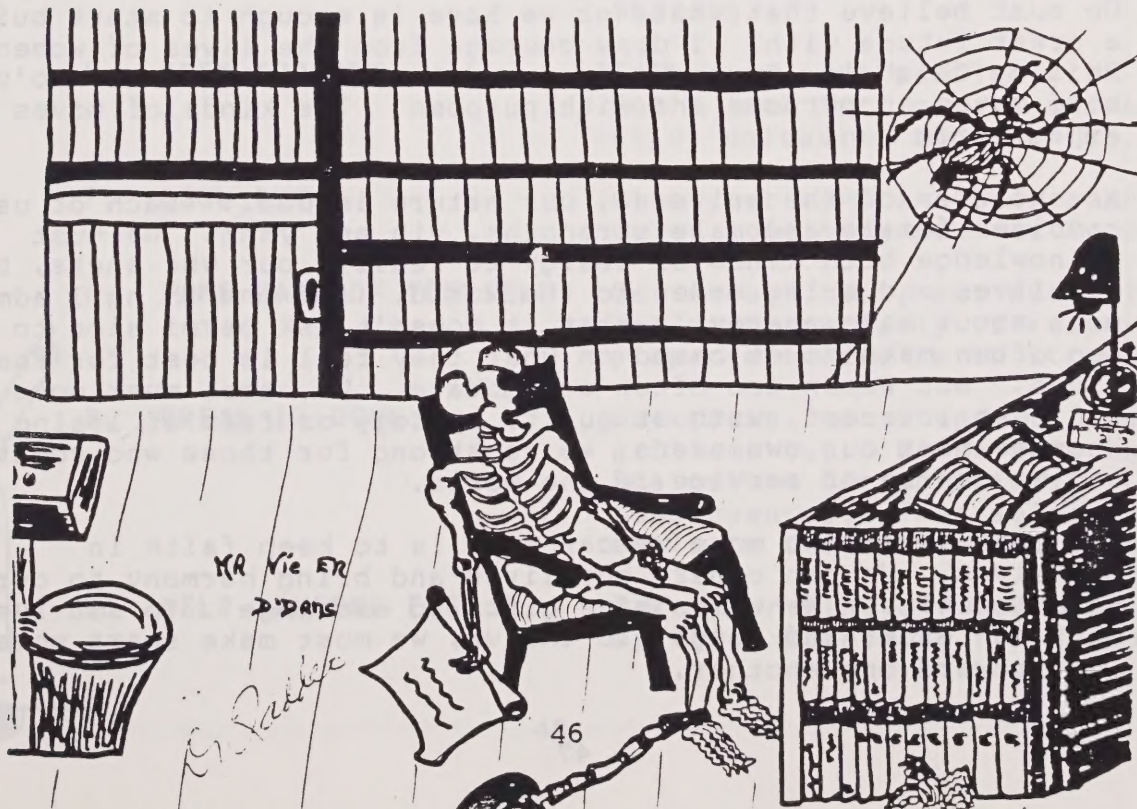
DIANE CHARRON (1986)

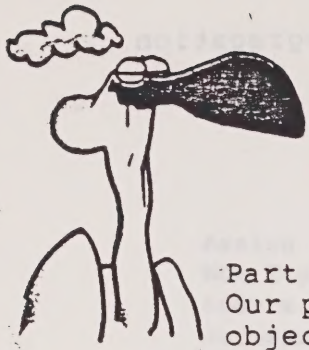


PAPIER

Je n'est que toi papier
à qui je peux exprimer.
Parce que, tu n'as rien à re-dire
surtout pas à me mentir
Tu ne me donne pas de réponse
je n'ais pas toujours besoin
que l'on me réponde.
Et je ne t'entend pas
rire, ou parler contre moi.
Et tu ne peux faire de faux jugement
Tu est juste un papier
qui me donne le goût d'exprimer
Et je t'apprécie, des fois plus qu'une amie
Sais dure des fois
et je pleure souvent.
Tu m'écoute, et me respecte
en silence
Tu est juste là
come des fois l'on a besoin que sa
Une personne pour juste t'écouter.
Mais que je n'est pas
j'ai juste toi papier

Diane Charron





SMART MOVES

by Patricia D'Andrade (1987)

Part of the beauty of life is that we have the ability to choose. Our possibilities seem endless: We have myriad lifestyles, objects and ideas to choose from. But because our world is so incredibly complex, making the right choices requires great discernment.

Wanting to be loved, to belong, we often become pawns of what is trendy or popular, without questioning whether this move or that choice is right for us. Ask yourself if you know who you are. Are you in touch with what's stirring in your heart? With what your progress requires? Or do you let other people and how you wish to appear to them determine and manipulate your moves.

No one knows what's best for you better than you. Nor should they; this is your precious life, and to live it wisely is to live it consciously. That means listening, thinking and discerning.

Every day, every minute, with every step we take, we come to a turning point. The choices we make determine our success or failure, happiness or despair. To make the smart moves, we must pause to analyze the possible consequences before we act. Otherwise we rush blindly into a pot-luck future.

We were created by a great Intelligence - put here to do great things, not to suffer or doubt our ability. There is no problem greater than our ability to solve it. I renew my faith in that fact when I look to the lives of women who triumphed over obstacles that make our challenges pale. With our resources we can certainly do battle against the forces that limit our power. We must believe that whatever we have is enough to start building a great future with. I draw courage from the lives of women like Shirley Chisholm, Oprah Winfrey and Leah Hanes - women who've made bold moves on purpose and with purpose. The kinds of moves we expect from men.

As children of the universe, our nature is dual: Each of us combines female and male strengths, yin and yang. We must acknowledge both kinds of energy to realize our wholeness, balance our lives and bring order to the world. And one thing I admire most about male energy is that it doesn't ask permission to act. Men often make moves based on what they feel is best for their lives. But women too often accommodate. We, too, must move in our own best interest, without guilt, apology or fear of losing love. When we meet our own needs, we're strong for those who count on us and we can be of service in the world.

The most important move we can make is to keep faith in ourselves. We can order our lives and bring harmony to our relationships. We women have gifts to exchange. To survive, we must be tender and tough. To thrive, we must make smart moves toward one another.

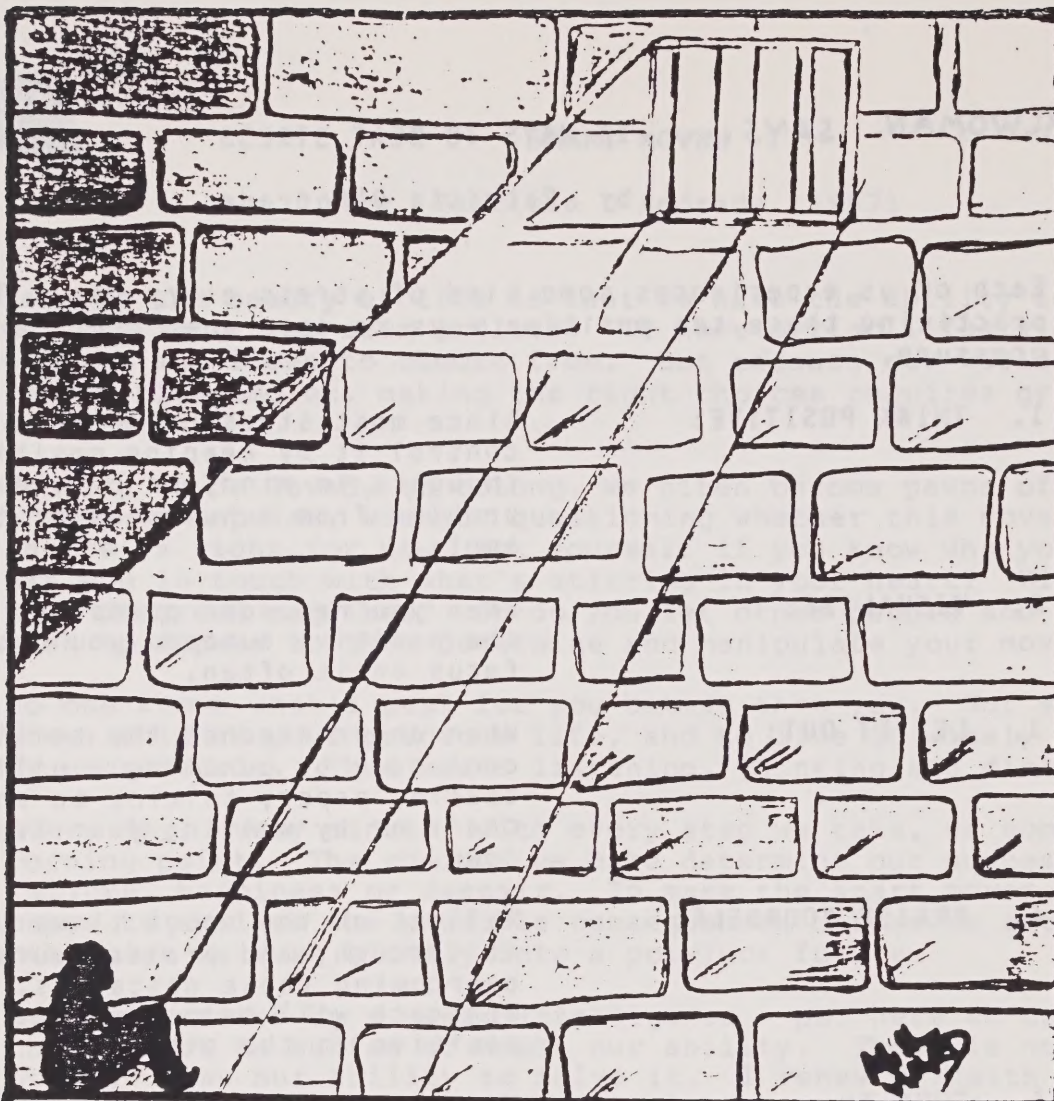
SURVIVALWOMAN SAYS... 10 WAYS TO BEAT STRESS

by Patricia D'Andrade

Each of us experiences some kind of stress every day. Try practicing these ten positive ways to cope when you're under pressure.

1. **THINK POSITIVE:** Since most stress starts in the mind, control it by keeping positive thoughts in mind, or by viewing the problem from a humorous or ironic angle.
2. **VISUALIZE:** When you're under pressure, visualize the positive outcome you desire and focus on it often.
3. **LET IT OUT:** When anger reaches the boiling point, cool down by punching a pillow, tearing paper, talking to an empty chair or by writing your feelings down.
4. **PRAISE YOURSELF:** Reflect on the rough times you've made it through, and praise yourself for overcoming those obstacles. This approach will help you find the positive in the situation.
5. **TUNE IN:** Get in touch with your problem with someone. Don't look for instant answers, but enjoy unloading and sharing.
6. **SEEK SUPPORT:** Talk over your problem with someone. Don't look for instant answers, but enjoy unloading and sharing.
7. **COOL OUT:** Give your mind and body a break by doing something you really enjoy.
8. **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF:** Get enough rest, eat nutritious meals and exercise daily to keep your body prepared to deal with stress.
9. **BREAK IT DOWN:** Use these four steps to figure problems out: Write down the problem: Brainstorm for solutions: List the consequences: Then select and evaluate the best solution for you.
10. **HELP SOMEONE ELSE:** Take your mind off your own problems by doing something for someone else.





WITHOUT YOU

Was it the prisons within you and I
that locked us together;

Could have been the first gaze
into your eyes
the pain within our souls.
lonely cold, so alone
Anger hatred and lies
twisted in knots
Missing, wanting, needing
your warmth
the turmoil goes on of being

WITHOUT YOU

by Colleen Millward

... Holder of the Keys...

There's a lonely person sitting in her cell
not so much as lonely
but so much hate to be
hate for the holder, who holds the magic key
and who for now rule her life to be
but not for long, before she turns over
a new cup a tea
oh yea
She's still thinking about how life's going to be
When she's free
oh yes
but she's still locked, by the golden key
yet her heart still leaks pure hard gold
and can never be sold, for those
who hold the magic key

By Brenda Acoose

LIFE

In this cold cell I sit
Thinking deeply, wonderin why?
slowly time is passin by

We all make mistakes in our life
Why do we do the things we do?
only we know, me & you

I sit her tryin to figure it out
Why? Who knows?
is this the life goes

I don't want this way of life
I will change it all around
get my feet back on the ground

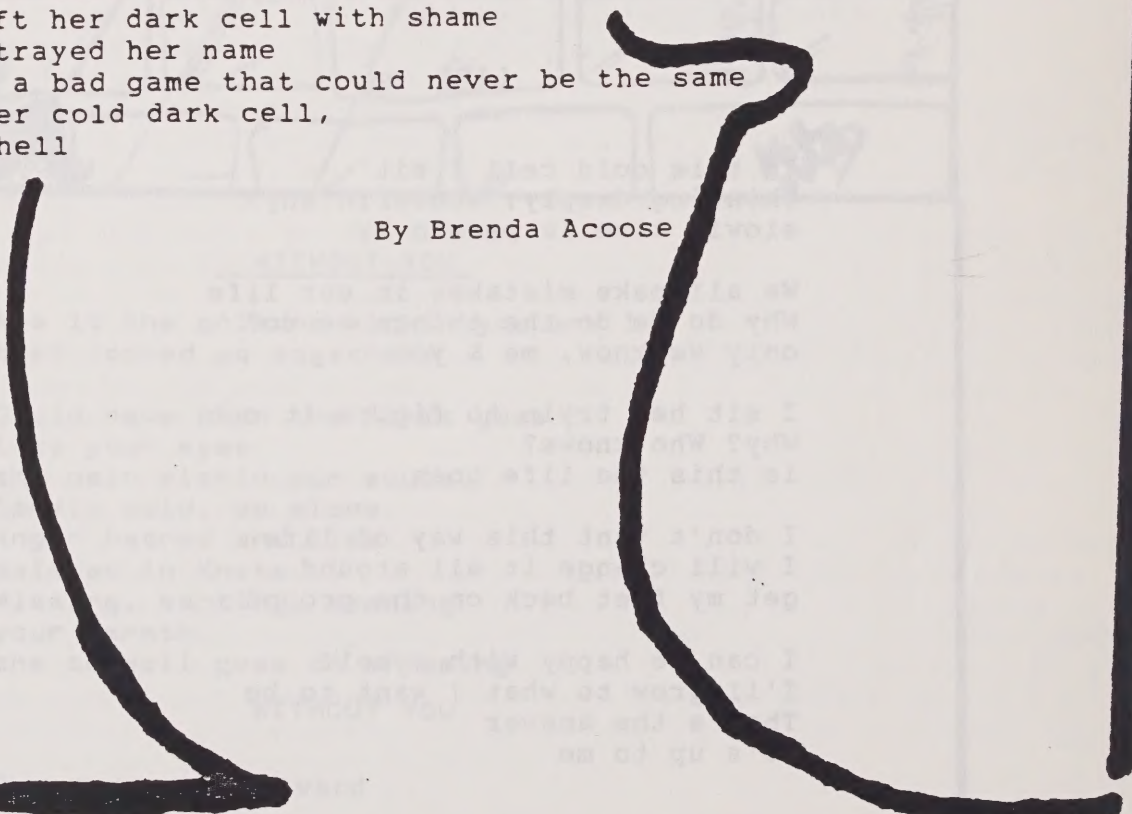
I can be happy with myself
I'll grow to what I want to be
That's the answer
It's up to me

Paula Derochers

... Cold Cell...

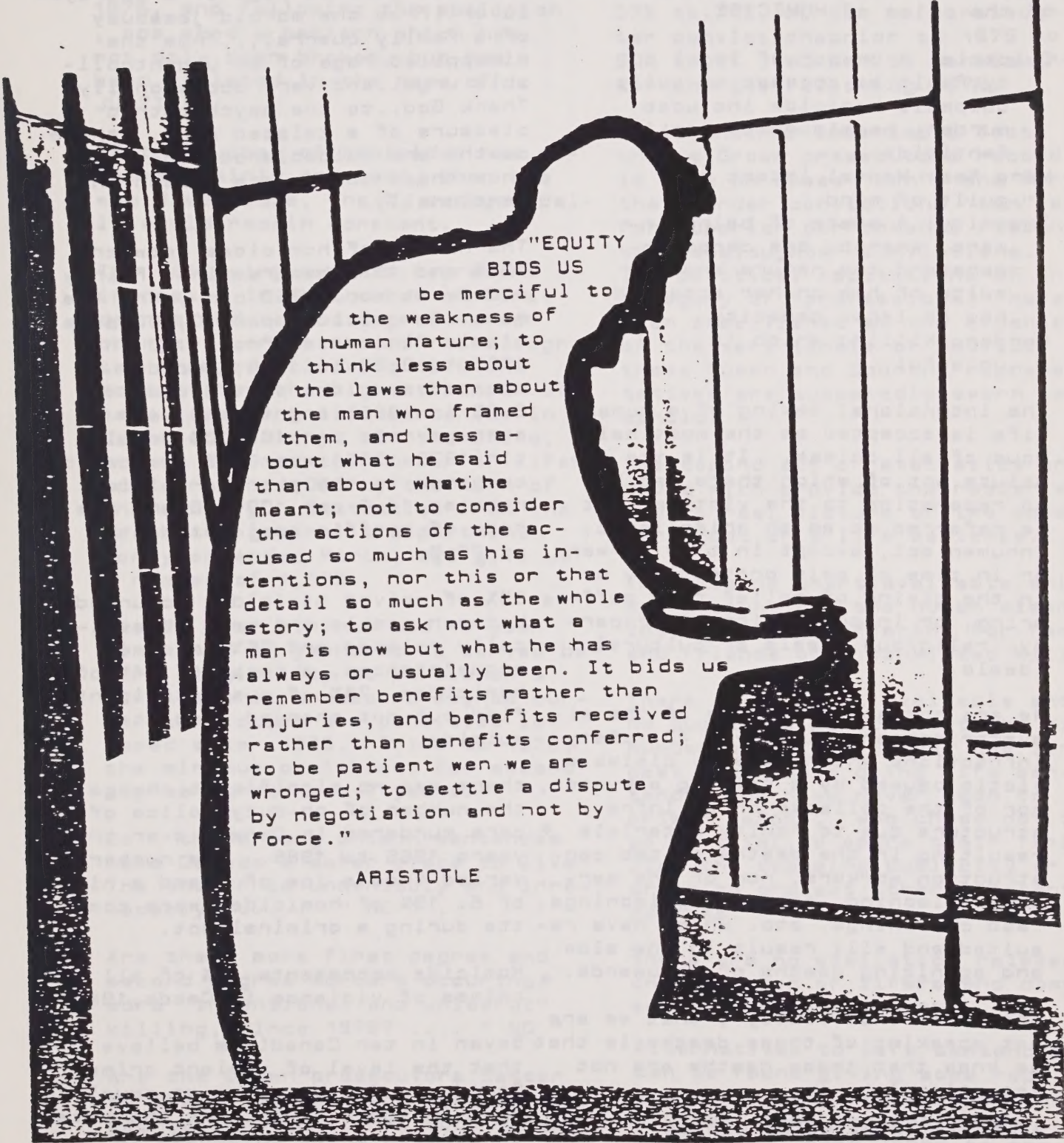
She sits in her cold dark cell... looking thro the bars of hell
She sits on the edge of her bed...wishing and wanting to be dead
only slowly she shakes her head and wonders why she wants to be dead
but it is said for those who wonder ...why they want to be dead
often end up dead
oh no...now the cold dark cell sits empty handed
because she left her soul to be found and buried with out a sound
oh yes
it was the cold dark cell that drove her to the ground
yes the cold dark cell came with fame
and she left her dark cell with shame
yes she betrayed her name
get played a bad game that could never be the same
that was her cold dark cell,
living in hell

By Brenda Acoose



Twenty Years of Research in the Field of Dangerousness

Vingt années de recherche dans le domaine de la dangerousité



"EQUITY
BIDS US
be merciful to
the weakness of
human nature; to
think less about
the laws than about
the man who framed
them, and less a-
bout what he said
than about what he
meant; not to consider
the actions of the ac-
cused so much as his in-
tentions, nor this or that
detail so much as the whole
story; to ask not what a
man is now but what he has
always or usually been. It bids us
remember benefits rather than
injuries, and benefits received
rather than benefits conferred;
to be patient when we are
wronged; to settle a dispute
by negotiation and not by
force."

ARISTOTLE

SENTENCING IN CANADA, 1987

The upcoming debate on Criminal Law Reform will encompass reform on the entire structure of sentencing as well. The following article is just one aspect and opinion on sentencing in Canada of the crime of HOMICIDE.

Culpable: A breach of legal duty; fault as opposed to guilt. Culpable homicide includes murder, manslaughter, or infanticide.

Mens Rea: Mental intent or guilt of mind.

Insanity: A state of being insane, whereby one cannot understand the nature and results of his or her acts and has no legal capacity.

Murder: Killing which is unlawful.

The intentional taking of a human life is accepted as the most heinous of all crimes. It is the absolute act of which there can be no reparation to the victim. It is referred to as an animalistic, inhuman act, except in time of war, or in time of self protection, or in the giving of relief from suffering, or in protection of property, religious ideals or cultural ideals.

We are not speaking here of the elevator company with over 40 safety infractions which finally claims a victim caused by a falling elevator, nor of the collapse of an infrastructure due to faulty materials resulting in the deaths of two construction workers, nor of the mercury poisoning, asbestos poisonings, lead poisonings, etc. which have resulted and will result in the slow and agonizing deaths of thousands.

the reason, obviously, that we are not speaking of these deaths is that we know that these deaths are not intentional.

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No..here we shall only speak of the heinous crime of murder..or manslaughter resulting from a panicky reaction to being caught red-handed at the scene of a crime, from the jealous rage of a betrayed lover..from the morbid jealousy of a family quarrel,..from the misapplied rage of an uncontrollable urge..and very occasionally. Thank God..to the psychopathic pleasure of a twisted mind. these deaths are culpable homicide. We know these deaths are caused intentionally.

* The number of homicides between 1965 and 1975 has remained fairly stable at about 650 per year. the rate of homicides per 10,000 population increased from 1.43 in 1965 to 3.09 in 1975, and decreased over the past decade to 2.78 in 1985, and the 10 year average rate per 100,000 population (1976-1985) was 2.75 and can be compared to the average suicide rate at 14.0 per 100,000 and the rate of traffic accident deaths at 20.0.

* 39% of solved homicides occurred between people who were domestically related and 35% involved acquaintances, a total of 74% of homicides. 78% of suspects identified but not charged committed suicide.

there was no significant change in the number of on-duty police officers murdered in Canada over the years 1965 to 1985. The number varied from a low of 1 and a high of 6. 19% of homicides were committed during a criminal act.

* Homicide represents .4% of all crimes of violence in Canada, 1985.

Seven in ten Canadians believe that the level of violent crime in Canada is greater than or equal to that in the U.S. In fact the rate of serious crime in Canada is approximately 1/5 or 20% that in the U.S.

ALTERNATIVES

Sentencing in Canada, 1987

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When one compares, statistically, the % of convictions of first degree to second degree to manslaughter as a % of the total homicide convictions, prior to the abolition of the death penalty in 1976, and following the abolition, one sees a pattern which has not only been broken, but has been violated in the name of JUSTICE.

If the number of homicides has remained fairly constant, then one would conclude, the %, categorically would remain constant.

The following numbers represent increases in the number of first degree and second degree murder charges versus those of manslaughter charges following 1976 and account for the highest number of people serving life sentences in Canadian history. In the 1970's, it was assumed the number of lifers would reach 1,000 by the turn of the century. Statistics from the Solicitor general's department for year ended March, 1986 give us a number of 1,239.

The 25 year minimum and 10 year minimum # of years to be served before eligibility to parole on a first degree and second degree murder conviction are penalties imposed after 1976. Prior to 1976, the minimum punishment for second degree murder was 7 years.

Do these long prison sentences make Canada a safer place to live? The answer is undeniably and irrevocably " NO " .

Are there more first degree and second degree murders occurring, more "intentional and unlawful" killing, since 1976? " NO " !.

Are the Crown prosecutors better at their jobs and are defense counsellors just that much worse, since 1976?..... " NO " !.

Why, then are there more first and second degree charges and convictions now than prior to 1976? We are speaking of a material increase, not a marginal increase. We are speaking of 37% to 71%, murder to manslaughter convictions prior to 1976 to 90% to 9% , murder to manslaughter charges following 1976.

It is another undeniable fact that a Crown prosecutors record is made on cases "won", and further that murder convictions "won" are far superior performance ribbons than manslaughter convictions. The political reputations of this category of "professional" have been embellished at the expense of the very tenets of JUSTICE, these Queen and Country representatives are supposedly sworn to uphold.

The second set of statistics are those which provide the reader with a very real picture of the monetary cost of a life sentence.

There is no chart available which can account for the human misery, the torturous suffering for family and friends of a convicted killer.

There is no chart available and no questions asked about the high number of guilty pleas, the largest % of those doing life sentences who have never been to prison before, who chose not to go to trial to spare their families the debasing publicity or in order to protect other innocent parties.

There are no statistics released on the number of lifers who commit suicide while in prison.

Alternatives to life sentences can be found giving some reparation to the families of the victims, some reparation to society, ...some grace to the family of the convicted....
.....Some meaning.

From the adjoining statistics, one may argue that the # of convictions cannot be compared with the # of charges, and that empirical evidence is not used., therefore a conclusion cannot be surmised. There has been only a 10 year period since abolition of capital punishment, so figures used are those I was able to avail in time to meet publishing deadlines. I would welcome additional statistics, any corrections, and any challenges or discussion to the conclusions drawn from the evidence as presented.

Set I
The seven year average from 1965 to 1971 illustrates a ratio of 6%: 28%: 65% convictions for capital murder: non-capital murder: manslaughter.

Set II
The two year average of charges for years 1975 & 1976 while capital punishment still in place illustrates a ratio of:
2%: 87%: 10% charged for capital murder: non-capital murder: manslaughter.

Set III
The eight year average from 1977 to 1984 illustrates a ratio of 38%: 52%: 9% charges for 1st degree murder: second degree murder: manslaughter.

It appears evident that the abolition of the death penalty brought a disturbing increase in the number of first degree murder charges. Why?

It is evident that the number of convictions for first degree and second degree murder would therefore illustrate a disturbing increase, and where these sentences are now longer than at any time in Canadian history.

One would think that a conclusion could be reached that if the number of murders in Canada have been relatively stable, then the number of prisoners convicted and serving life sentences would be stable. This is clearly not the case. Why?

Will Parliament bring forth a qualitative and quantitative study regarding this disparity?

Will Parliament take the statistics from the department of the Solicitor General and demand answers to the questions posed here?

Will the Canadian public be able to set aside their unfounded fears and desire for revenge LONG ENOUGH TO OPEN THEIR MINDS TO THE TRUTH? Justice is NOT being served in Canada.

Our fear is being fed, at the cost of thousands and thousands of lives and Billions of dollars.

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SENTENCING IN CANADA, 1987

I	'65	'66	'67	'68	'69	'70	'71	7Yr.Ave.	%
Murder, Capital	19	09	07	01	-0-	03	-	06	06%
Murder, Non-Capital	36	34	36	25	22	37	27	31	28%
Manlaughter	50	69	75	70	98	65	70	71	65%
Infanticide	-0-	02	02	02	01	-0-	05	01	01%
Totals	105	114	120	98	121	105	102	109	100%

Source: Ruby Sentencing. Persons Charged and Convicted

II	'75	'76	2Yr.Ave.	%
Charged				
First Degree	07	11	09	01.7%
Second Degree	459	467	463	87.3%
Manlaughter	55	53	54	10%
Infanticide	01	04	2	1%
Totals	522	535	528	100%

PRIOR TO ABOLITION
OF THE DEATH PENALTY

Charged	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81	'82	'83	'84	8Yr.Ave.	%
III										
First Degree	165	219	202	186	216	236	237	222	210	38% ***
Second Degree	339	316	309	248	282	289	288	243	289	52%
Manlaughter	54	52	36	49	40	48	55	47	48	9%
Infanticide	03	05	03	04	01	01	06	01	03	1%
Totals	561	592	550	487	539	574	586	483	550	100%

Charged II & III.
Source: Women & Crime in Canada, July, 1986 H. Johnson, Statistics. Dept. Solicitor General Canada.

*** FOLLOWING ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY, Guiltyconvictions of First Degree Murder punishment of 25 years in prison.
Second degree Murder became minimum of 10 years punishment in prison from 7 years. prior.

A L T E R N A T I V E S

SENTENCING IN. CANADA, 1987 -5-

As at March 31, 1985 there were 1239 people serving life sentences in Canada.

I	First Degree Conviction (25 before parole)	307	323	26%
	Second Degree " (25 before parole)	16		
II	Second Degree " (11- 24 before parole)	220	220	18%
III	Second Degree " (10 before parole)	696	696	56%
				1,239 100%

Costs to warehouse 1,239 lifers for a total (cumulative) of (4845+ 3,850 +6,960 =) 15,655 life years is as follows:

Figures from CSC Statistics, Dept. of the Solicitor General.

	Men	Women
Maximum Security costs per prisoner per year	\$50,000	\$57,000
Medium	36,800	No. Med.
Minimum	\$40,300	No. Min.

Category I Estimate of the 25 years, 15 years will be spent in max. security. 320 men, 3 women.
 $(320 \times 15 \times \$50,000) + (3 \times 15 \times \$57,000)$
 $= \$240,000,000 + 42,565,000 = \underline{\$242,565,000}$
 Estimate 5 years at med. security and 5 years at min. security for men. $(320 \times 5 \times \$36,800) + (320 \times 5 \times \$40,300) + (3 \times 10 \times \$57,000) = \$58,880,000 + \$64,480,000 + \$1,710,000 = \underline{\$125,070,000}$
 Total: \$367,635,000

Category II Estimate low ave. of 17.5 years., 12 in Max. security, 3 in Med. security, 2.5 in Min. Security (219 men, 1 woman)
 $(219 \times 12 \times \$50,000) + (219 \times 3 \times \$36,800) + (219 \times 2.5 \times \$40,300) + (1 \times 17.5 \times \$57,000) = \$131,400,000 + \$24,177,600 + \$22,064,500 + \$997,500 =$
 Total: \$178,639,350

Category III Estimate of 10 years, 6 years in Max. Sec., 2 years in Med. Security, 2 years in Min. Security for 670 men.
 9 years in Maximum security for women. $(670 \times 6 \times \$50,000) + (670 \times 2 \times \$36,800) + (670 \times 2 \times \$40,300) + (26 \times 9 \times \$57,000) = \$201,000,000 + \$49,312,000 + \$54,002,000 + \$13,338,000 =$
 Total: \$317,652,000

Final Warehousing Costs for 1,239 people wasting a total of 15,655 human years caged.

Correct- \$863,926,000 = Costs....IF REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR
 ional
 Services ± \$55,185,308 per year =
 Canada = \$151,193 per DAY !!##???

A L T E R N A T I V E S

SENTENCING IN Canada, 1987 -6-

Please add to the figures on the previous page from Solicitor-General and Dept. of Justice 1985-1985 Annual Reports:

1/6 Ministry Secretariat	\$ 19,973,000
National Parole Board	14,784,000
Criminal Legal Aid	23,800,000
Native courtworkers	3,200,000
Asst. Dept. Attorney General,	
Criminal Law	1,160,610
Canadian Sentencing Commission	787,104

1/6 of Minister's Office,	
Depty. Minr. Asst. Dept. Min.	
Legisl. Progr. Policy. Progr.	
S Res. Admin.	\$ 11,477,908

Annually	\$75,182,622
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For estimate take 10% (% represented by lifers of total federally incarcerated)

± Sol. Gen &	\$ 7,518,262
Justice Dept.	
Add CSC	\$ 55,185,308
ANNUALLY	\$ 62,703,570

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Of those lifers who actually committed murder,..we will be judged yet by the Absolute Judge of all. We must live every moment of our lives with the horrifying knowledge of our own capabilities reflected in the faces and hearts of our families and our friends..the endless grief of our victim's families. We admit to Sin.

Is the answer in destroying any possible good we could yet do in this lifetime? There is no reparation to the victim. One cannot change the past. One cannot forget.

Is the answer in locking us up for 10 - 25 years at a cost of over ONE BILLION dollars to the public? Give us jobs for these years permitting us to give a % of these proceeds to the families or to charities..there ARE alternatives to this compounding waste of human resources and monetary resources.

The myth of the dangerous killer is being exploited to the fullest by television and the media, with full permission of guess who? the truly dangerous criminal is psychotic, and should be in a hospital, not a prison.

Revenge? An expensive "security blanket" which satisfies -O-, Not Justice, Not suffering of the victim's families, not the 15,655 cumulative total of years of suffering of the 1,239 families of lifers, NOTHING is satisfied, but the provision of jobs in an industry built on blood and lies.

I can think of thousands of alternative industries which could be providing those same people with jobs, retrained people to add to the joy of humanity, not to the suffering of humanity.

RIOTS VIOLENCE Suicides ♡

1987

Drumheller. 4 prisoners shot
damages: \$4.5 million

Why? ENFORCED TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL
HANDLING UNITS , etc.,etc.,etc.,etc

Joyceville: Injuries?
damages: \$400 thousand

Why? ENFORCED TRANSFER OF PRISONERS'
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON , etc.,etc.,etc

Millhaven: Prisoner, Sandy Fitzpatrick
Shot & Killed Oct.17,1987

Why? etc.,etc.,etc.,etc
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"1987 was a good year for CSC despite on
going reorganizatin and tight budgets,
says Commissioner Rheal LeBlanc." 1988
is going to be another demanding year.
I know I can count on your commitment
to making corrections work."

**** Jan./Feb.1988 Let's Talk,CSC****
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1988

Kent: Jan. 1988 Injured: 4 prisoners
Damages: ??

Why? ENFORCED TRANSFERS TO ONTARIO, etc

Will 1988 be just as good as 1987,

Mr. LeBlanc?? etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.,etc.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW INMATE COMMITTEE

Chairperson	Gayle Horii
Secretary	Thersa Giagnacovo
"A" range	Jo-Ann Mayhew
"B" range	Barbara Morrison
N wing	Joey Twins
S wing	Rosemary MacKay
A/B Recreation	Willy Vestering
N/S Recreation	Debbie Gegwetch
French Rep.	Sylvie Bouchard
Native Rep.	Bev Auger

In early February, the initial meeting of the Committee with Warden Mary Cassidy got off to a good start. When the lengthy agenda of over 17 items was not completed at one sitting, a follow-up meeting was scheduled for the following day - rather than being "postponed" a full month - as has been the case in the past. This reasonable approach is refreshing!

& & & GROUPS & GROUPS & & &

New for '88 --- the BRENTWOOD Life Skills and substance abuse program has made a beginning at the Prison for Women. Brentwood has been welcomed and well received in other institutions in this Region. From the interest shown by the first participants at P4W, the current once weekly meetings will be expanded in the future.

Still going onweekly

New Women for Sobriety - welcomes new members the first Monday meeting of each month.

A.A. open...All Welcome...each Thursday evening

Inquire about Seven Steps - TOPS - Music Group & the serious Weight Training Group ---

Reminder -- those interested in a Hobby Craft Program must register!!

CHAPEL

Sunday Services - afternoons
1st Sunday - Salvation Army
last Sunday - Communion

Sunday Evenings
Native Prayer
Fellowship & Visitors

Thursday
Noon - R.C. Mass

Weekly Bible Study Groups
Weekly discussion Groups

Visits of Spiritual Guides
by appointment
arranged through

Rev. J. Downs

PSALM 46

GOD is our refuge &
strength, a very present help
in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear,
though the earth be removed,
& though the mountains be
carried into the midst of the
Sea;

Though the waters thereof
roar & be troubled, though
the mountains shake with
the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams
whereof shall make glad the
city of GOD, the holy place
of the tabernacles of the
most High.

Friendship

Friendship is like a treasure,
precious like a diamond and hard to find.

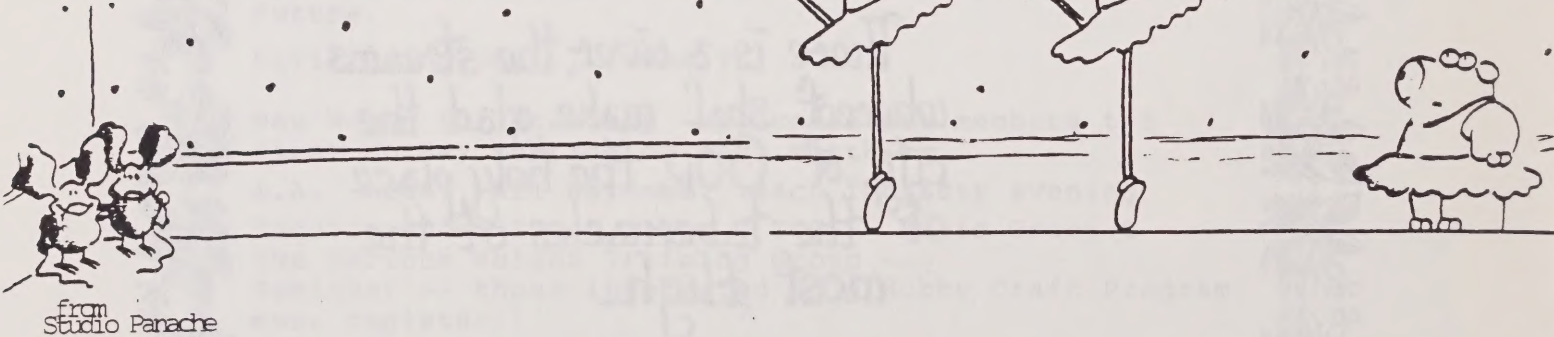
Friendship is like a pearl,
deep into the sea and waiting to be found.

Friendship is like a rainbow,
with so many different colours.

Friendship is like a charm bracelet,
with so many different links.

Friendship to me my Friend, is you,
being a friend to me.

by Shaffina Mohamed



STAR CATCHING - JULIE'S CORNER

A smile could mean so much
It warms like a loving touch
The sparkles in your eyes
Twinkles like gems in skies
You offered me friendship tenderly
I gave mine to you so openly
Few chosen words are all we shared
to show one another someone does care
No demands, no doubts, only trust
For you and me, honesty is a must.
You see, I am a dreamer
I am also a falling star catcher
Love is all I have to give you
From a heart that knows only truth
Listen to silence

It soothes so peacefully
Let your spirit soar high
Rolling gently on calm tides
Bathe yourself among the stars above
Remember my face, my smile and my name
Take hold of my hand
Together we can win life's game.

by: Julie Tae

I gotta be me, ♪
oh I just gotta be me...
♪



THE PRISONERS' GUIDE TO ---

ASTROLOGIE TRAVEL PLANNING

- ARIES:** New places, hot weather, active schedule. Hotel with activities: swimming, tennis, etc.
- TAURUS:** Fall splendid colors, country. Prosperous cities. Hotel 5 star.
- GEMINI:** Flexible, difficult to pin point. Short trips each year. Several trips, hiking, fishing, cabins - lodges.
- CANCER:** Near ocean or lake, Florida, Caribbean. Sand, water, warm weather, calm atmosphere. Deep love of tradition for historical sites. Hotel ocean view, comfort, food variety.
- LEO:** Laidback, lazy, forest, cabin near nightlife for change of moods. Close to Atlantic City, Las Vegas, Gambling, entertainment, Cabin.
- VIRGO:** Refined small unspoiled cities or locations. Country, wildlife or grand places, family attractions. Hotel cleanliness, fine foods, expensive.
- LIBRA:** Elegance, beauty, culture, N.Y. Mtl., San Francisco. Near shops, art culture, opera. Hotel extravaganza.
- SCORPIO:** Mystery, unknown places, reasearch, water, scuba diving, hunting for treasures. Florida Keys. Hotel small, elegant, away from cities.
- SAGITTARIUS:** Big tour of several states, animals, horse & car races, rodeos, things to learn. Hotel with casino - nightlife.
- CAPRICORN:** Conservative, unusual sights, mountains, jungle, high places, warm weather. Hotel with reputed name.
- AQUARIUS:** Conventional, exotic places. Change, variety, Chinatown, Indian reserves. Hotel of antiques & traditions.
- PISCES:** Sun, beach, fishing, sailing, ocean cruise, romantic places. Hotel on beach, moonlight dinners.

---BREAKFAST IN THE 80's---

Some prefer a slice of toast
A cup of coffee, black roast.

Others drink a glass of nog
Chocolate, cherry or coconut.

The aerobics clean a bowl of Special K
And run around the block all day.

Fanatic youths pour pills into their hand
And pop the whole lot....into no man's land!

The farmer roasts his finest pork
And fries a dozen eggs and eats with fork.

Astronuts roll upside down in space
To reach for vitamins in the case.

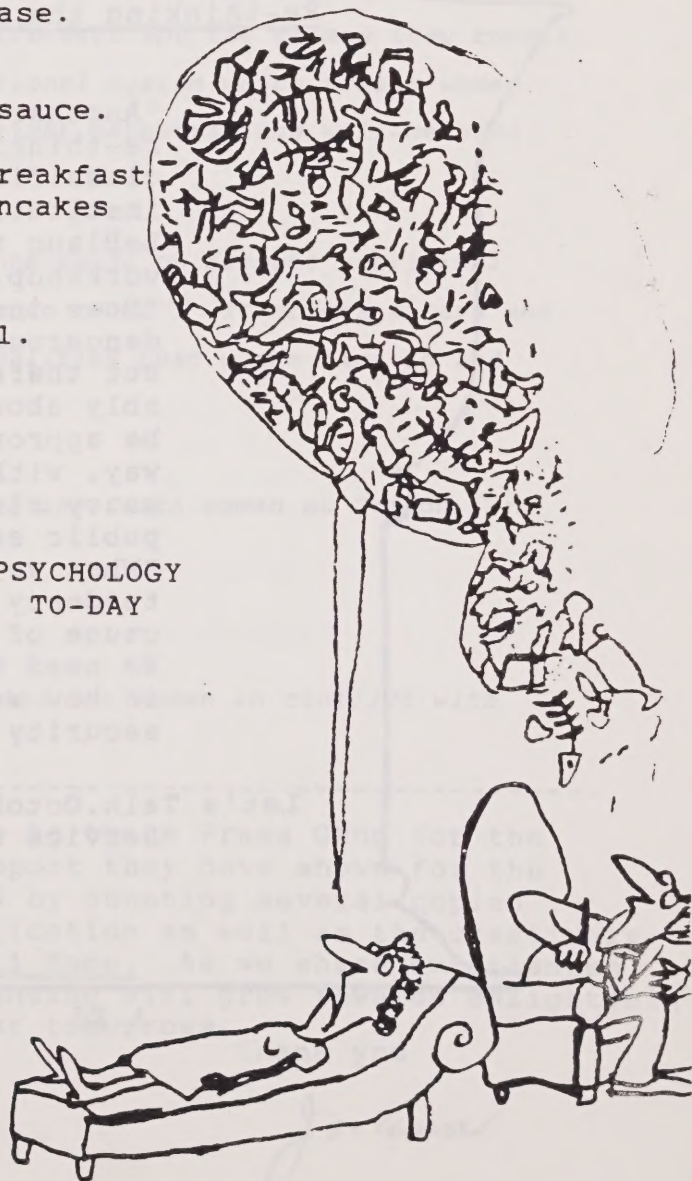
The addict checks his pulse
Before shooting in the latest sauce.

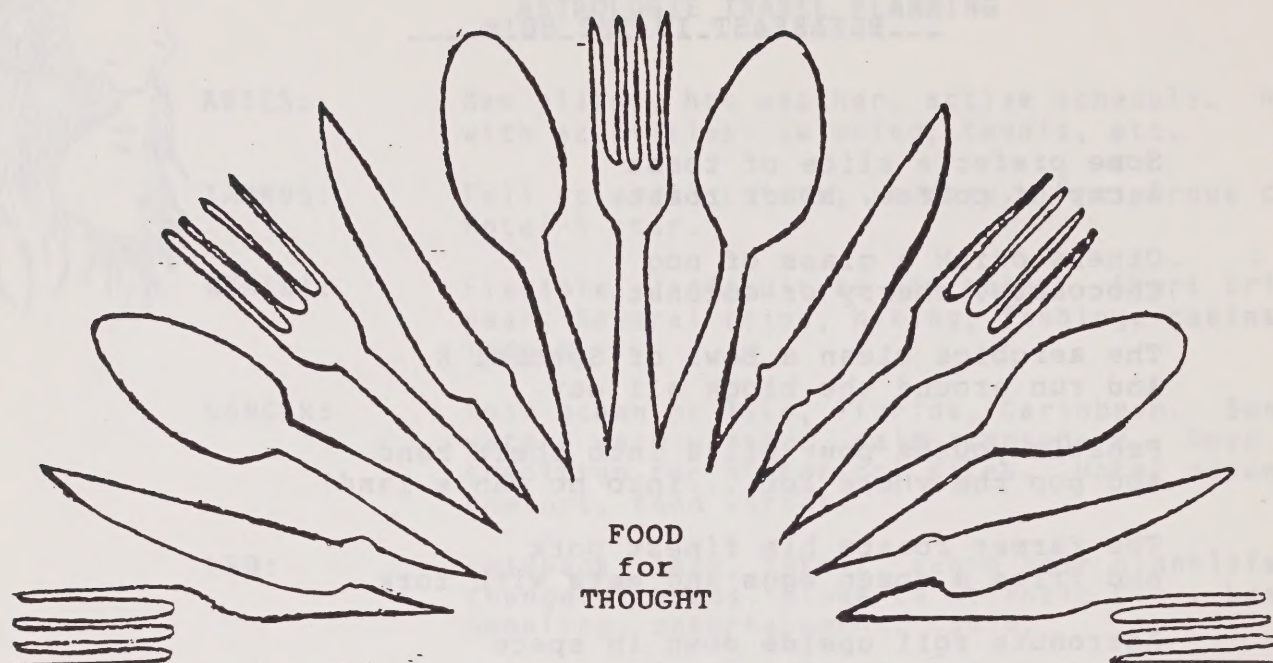
How frantic mama is today at breakfast
because her children had no pancakes

One boy says, I'm in a hurry
I'll walk the dogs to school
and eat them while they're cool.

DORIANA

PSYCHOLOGY
TO-DAY





Re-thinking the classification matrix

"Another initiative is a re-thinking of our whole classification matrix in institutions," Commissioner LeBlanc told the March workshop.

"Some inmates aren't as dangerous as we believed, but there's a group, probably about 5%, which must be approached in the proper way, without taking unnecessary risks or endangering public safety."

"What we found is a natural tendency to overclassify because of a fear of escapes. We need to be more realistic in how we peg inmates on the security scale."

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TOO FEW TO COUNT

Canadian Women in Conflict with the Law

edited by Ellen Adelberg and Claudia Currie

Women in conflict with the law--what ever you think you know about women behind bars, it is likely not based on facts.

TOO FEW TO COUNT is a daring and challenging book about a minority group of women who have long been ignored. Until now, minimal attention has been given to understanding female criminality or the circumstances of women offenders' lives. As a result, the political will to do anything new and creative about the programs for women has been sorely lacking.

Finally, here is a book written by Canadian scholars and field workers which shakes up the misconceptions about female offenders and the crimes they commit. It reveals an ineffective and sexist correctionsl system which treats women with a "fascinating mixture of neglect, outright barbarism and well-meaning paternalism".

Written from a feminist perspective, this book calls to account a criminal justice system that considers women "too few to count". It offers a hard and honest look at the social and economic inequalities that women face in and out of prison.

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- photos taken at P4W;
- an extensive bibliography;
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